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End hot spots in boiler tubes?

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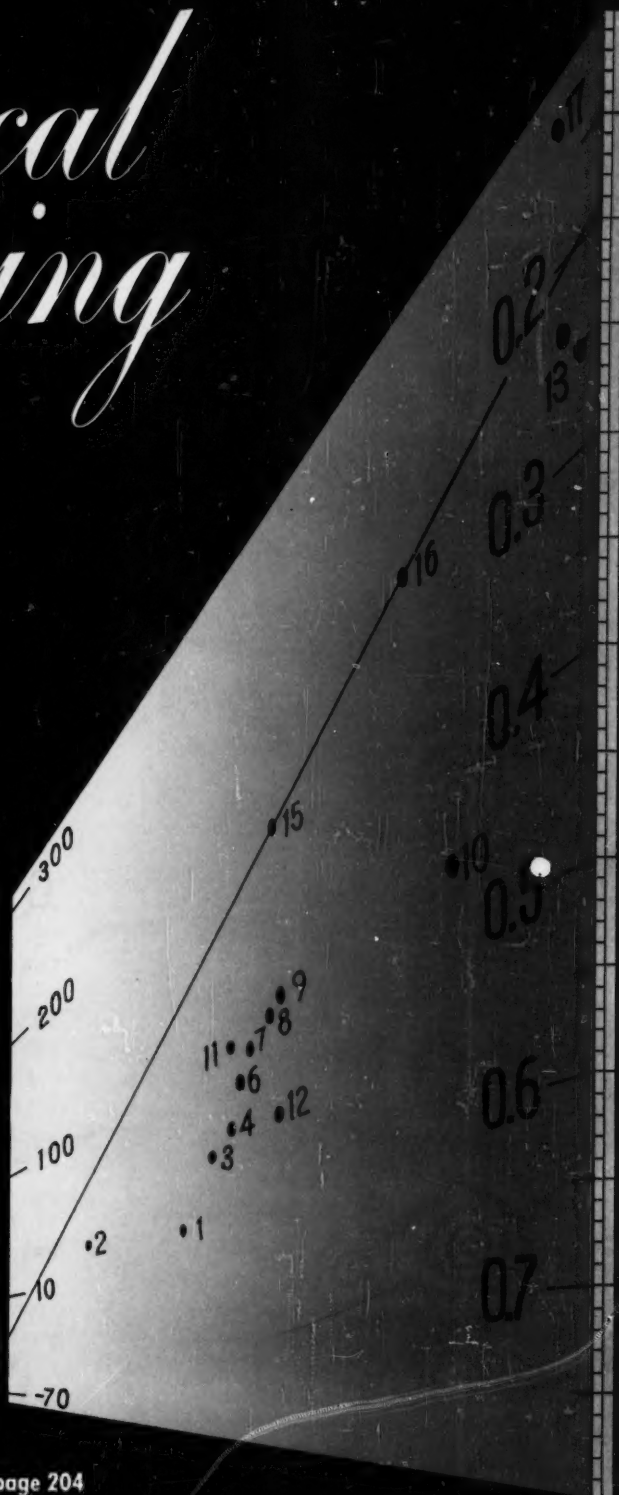
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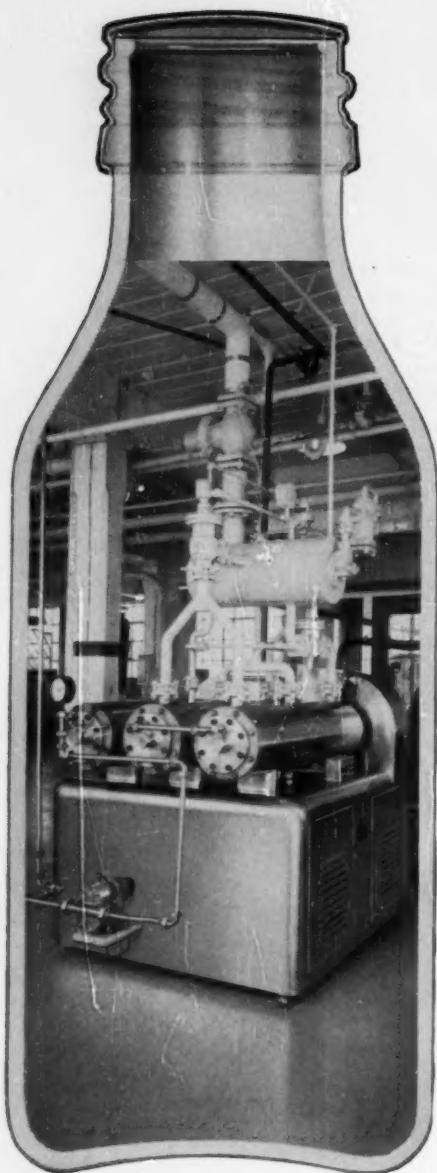
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Position agitator propellers properly?

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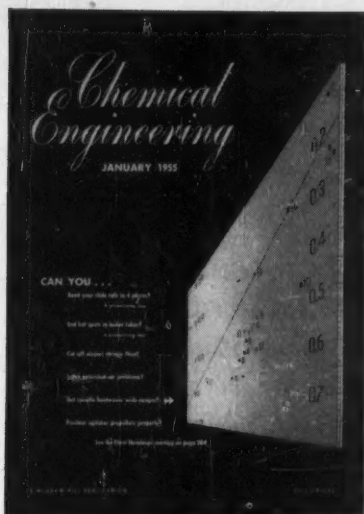
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- Broader coverage of industry and commodity economics (see Chemical Economics in this issue).

- A second annual Inventory Issue, refined and with added features.

- Continued efforts to discourage the excessive mixing of ads and editorial on the same page.

- Broader coverage of new process and technology developments (see What's Happening), more emphasis on theory as it relates to practice, legible drawings, readable text, close attention to your needs—JRC.

### • • • Seven more tested shortcut solutions to everyday engineering problems.

This month—and every month—CE's Plant Notebook brings you a wealth of time-saving shortcuts, calculations and solutions. In this issue you'll find a tricky way to read your slide rule to four places, how to cut off flow of viscous liquids, a chart giving specific heats of 18 fluids, nomograph to solve saturated-air problems, quick way to leak-proof pilot plant joints, best way to position an agitator, how to end these troublesome hot spots in boiler tubes. (p. 204)

### How's your cooling tower working?

That's not easy to answer. For one thing, precious little's been published to give the operating or design engineer practical data for use on his own plant unit. At last, here's an article that does. (p. 187)

### How they picked the right bid.

Here's a step-by-step case history of how Dow engineers went about comparing evaporator bids from four major firms. The

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### Try semi-countercurrent extraction.

When batch leaching doesn't justify multiple fresh solvent contact or countercurrent methods, a compromise—partial countercurrency—may do the trick. George Karnofsky tells how and why. (p. 192)



### Gas turbines for process use.

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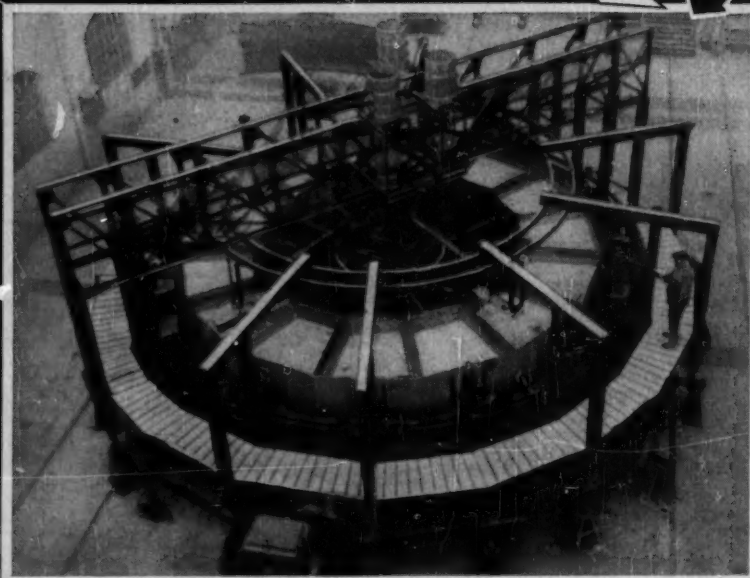
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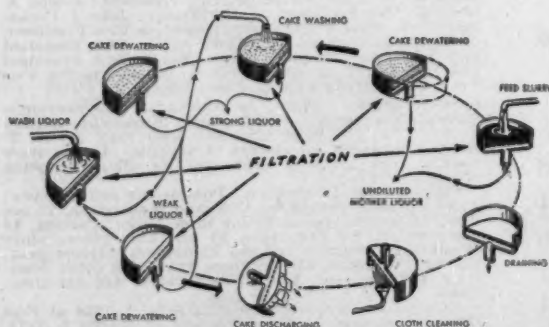
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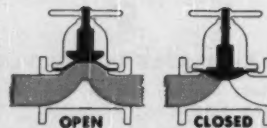
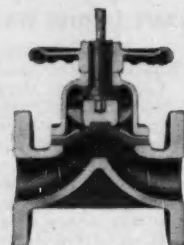


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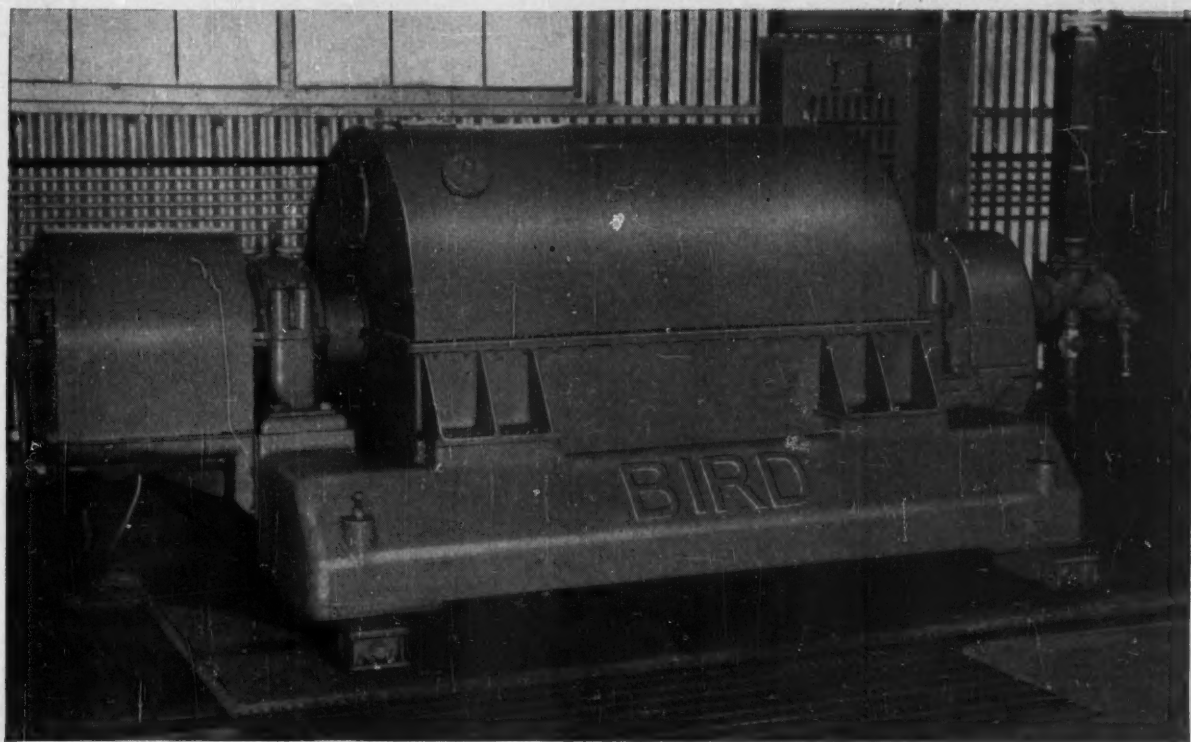
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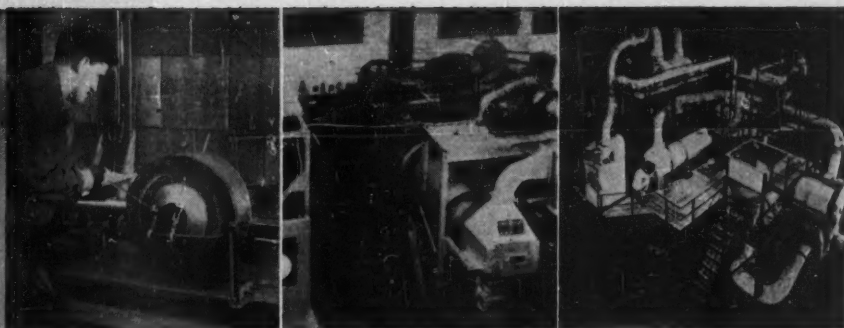
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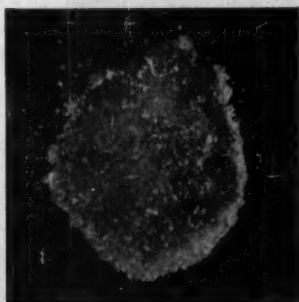
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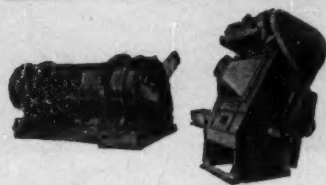
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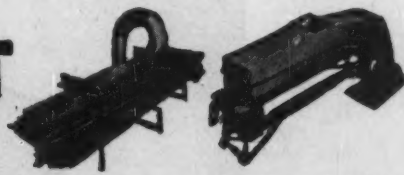


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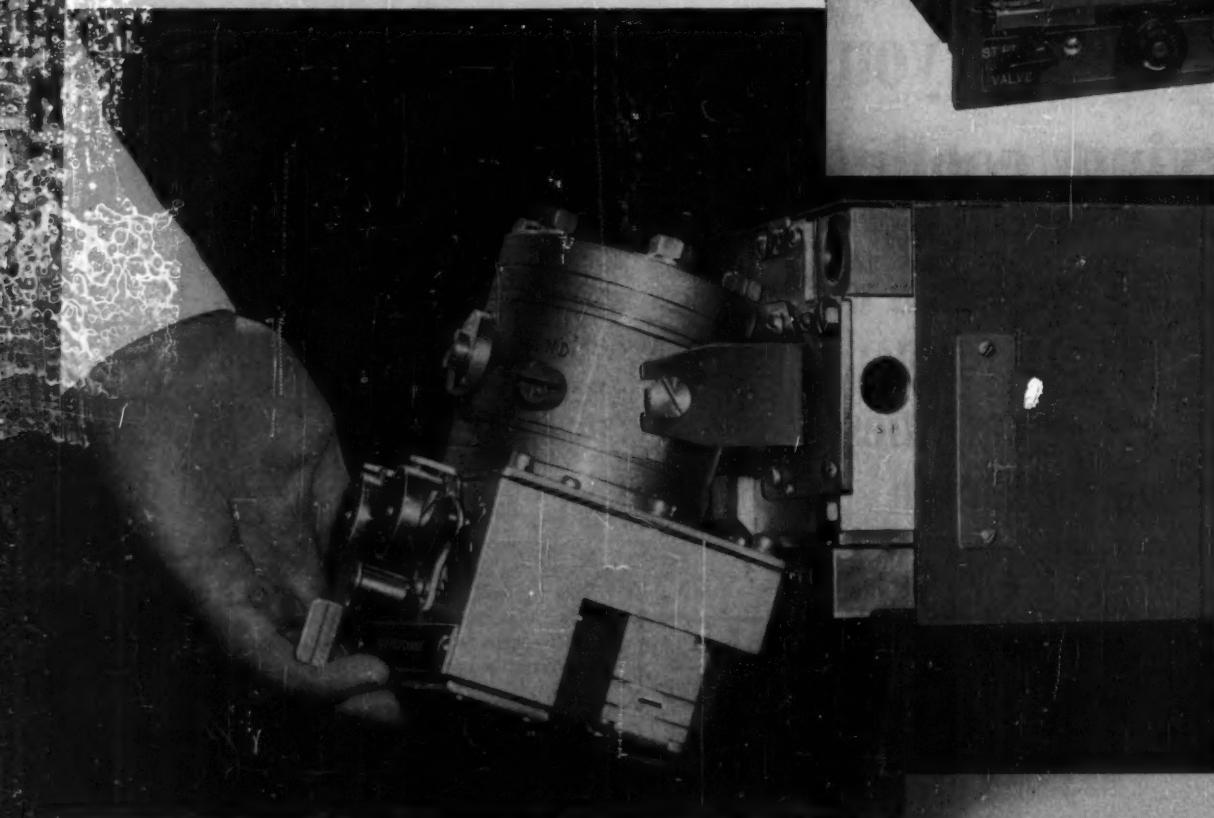
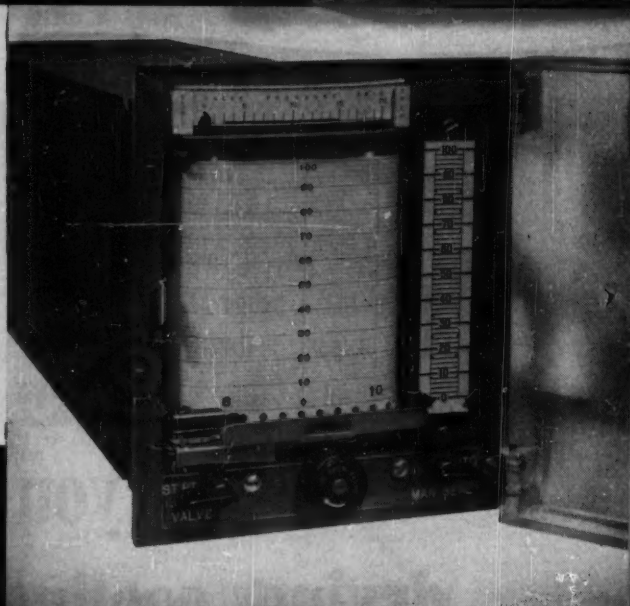


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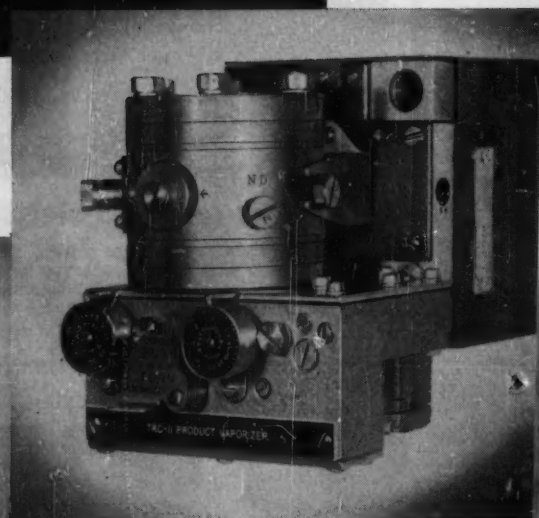


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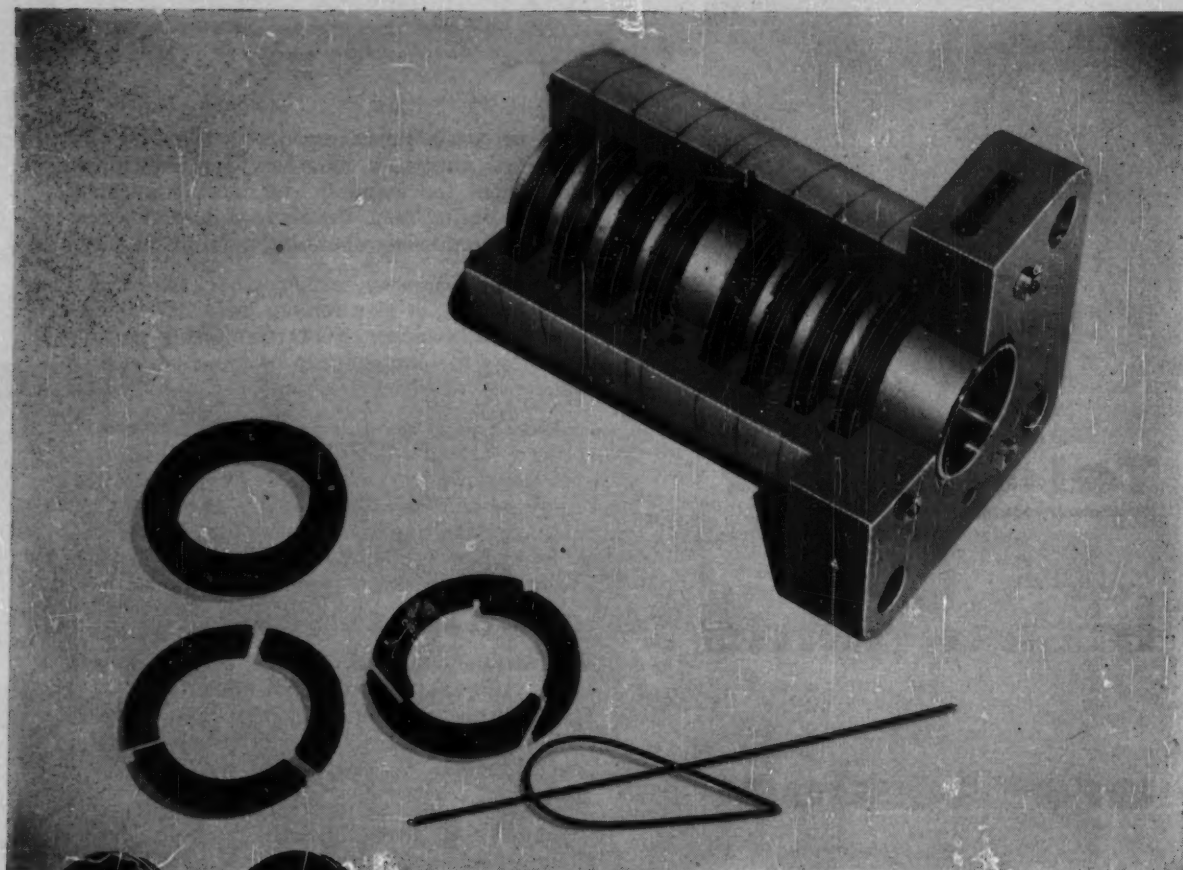
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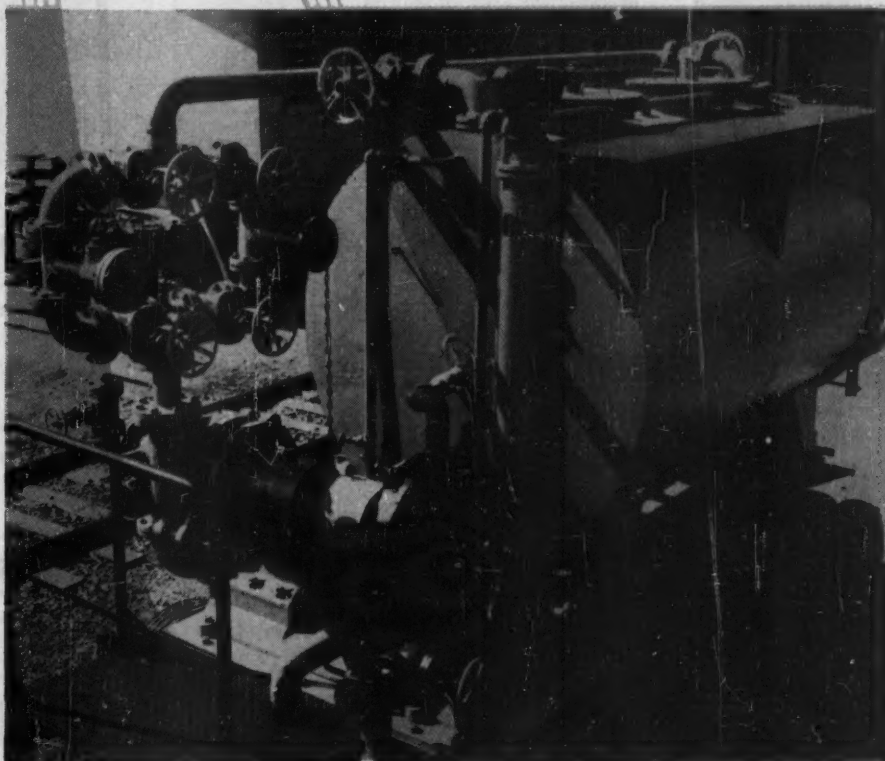
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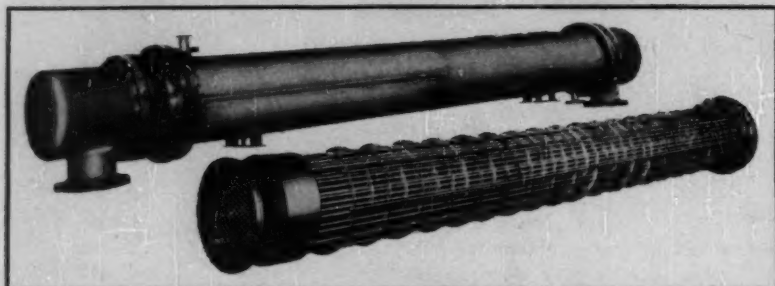
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## Duplex Tubes and Double Tube Sheet Construction Solve Corrosion Problems



Bridgeport Duplex Tubes were used with this double tube sheet heat exchanger. The inside of the tubes, the outboard tube sheet and the channels are of steel while the inboard tube sheet, the shell, and the baffles are silicon bronze. Outer tube walls are copper. (Courtesy, The Whitlock Mfg. Co., Hartford, Conn.)

In a number of specialized applications, the chance of fluid inter leakage between shell and tube circuits of heat exchangers must be completely eliminated by design. Examples are: preventing contamination of product or cooling water, or preventing intermixing which might result in undesirable reactions. In such cases, independent tube sheets can be used for each circuit, giving a double tube sheet construction.

In this type of exchanger, two primary corrosion causes must generally be overcome: double fluid corrosion and galvanic corrosion. Both are met effectively and economically by Bridgeport Duplex Tubes.

### Double Fluid Corrosion

Most heat exchange operations involve two fluids, each of which may have its own characteristic capacity to corrode certain metals. Water, for example, is destructive to most metals with the exception of copper and its alloys. Formaldehyde will be slightly colored by all common metals except aluminum, while sodium cyanide and ammonia corrode all common metals except steel. Thus steel tubes, which will handle ammonia on one surface, will in time be rusted through by cooling water in contact with the other surfaces.

Bridgeport Duplex Tubes combat double corrosion by offering a combination of two metals: steel, stainless steel, chrome steel, aluminum, lead, nickel, tin, etc., to the product side; and copper, aluminum brass, red brass, cupro nickel, Admiralty, aluminum bronze etc., to the cooling water side.

By drawing the proper combination of these metals to meet each set of corrosive conditions—the primary reason for the use of Duplex tubing—Bridgeport Duplex Tubes offer these advantages:

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8. Longer life of equipment.
9. Safer, stronger construction.

All of these advantages of Duplex Tubes should be considered when designing original equipment or retubing.

A good example of Bridgeport Duplex Tube application is seen in the photo above where steel (inside) was combined with copper (outside) for the double tube sheet heat exchanger.

The heat exchanger also has a silicon bronze shell with baffles and inboard tube sheets to match the copper clad tubes, and steel outboard tube sheets and channel to match the tubes' steel lining.

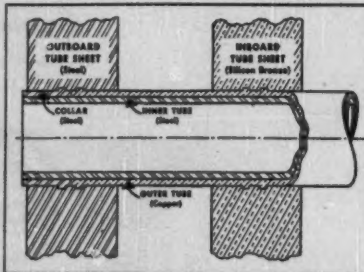
### Galvanic Corrosion

When two dissimilar metals are placed in the same solution, a small electrical current is established between them, just as in a wet-cell battery. The less noble of the two metals, say steel,

corrodes at a greater rate than the more noble metal, say copper, depending on the difference in electrical potential between the two.

A steel tube sheet may thus suffer severe galvanic corrosion when coupled with copper alloy tubes and exposed to sea water, which greatly promotes corrosion of the anode metal by galvanic stimulus.

Duplex tubes can be adapted to meet this condition as shown in the drawing. Where the tube sheet is steel and a copper tube has been drawn over steel, a portion of the copper tube is cut back and a steel collar fitted over the inner



Cross section of double tube sheet construction using Duplex Tubes. To prevent galvanic corrosion, ferrules to match outer tube sheet and inner tube metal are slipped over cut-back outer tube section and expanded.

tube. This practice can be altered to fit any combination of dissimilar metals to avoid galvanic attack.

### Wide Application of Bridgeport Duplex Tubes

Bridgeport Duplex Tubes, supplied in various combinations of ferrous and nonferrous materials, have been in successful use for many years. Their applications include oil refining, synthetic rubber production, process operations, chemical manufacture and refrigeration. They successfully handle such products as ammonia, amines, compressed air, flue gas, formic acid, formaldehyde, hydrogen sulfide, mercury, sulfuric acid, corrosive cooling water, and many others.

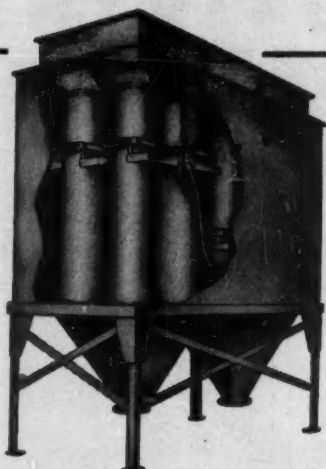
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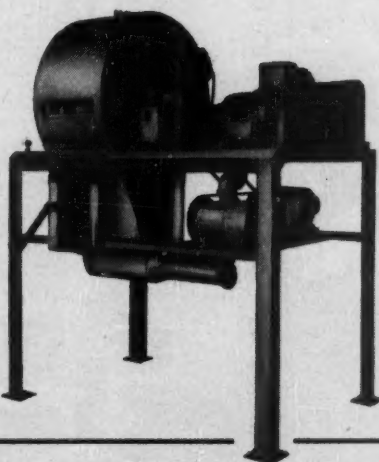
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## A black and white photograph of a complex industrial machine, likely a steam engine or pump, featuring large flywheels, connecting rods, and various pipes and valves. A small inset image in the bottom right corner shows a close-up of a warning label that reads "CAUTION TO ALL OPERATORS". The main image shows the intricate mechanical components of the engine, including the large flywheels and the connecting rods. The inset image shows a close-up of a warning label with the text "CAUTION TO ALL OPERATORS" and some smaller, less legible text below it.

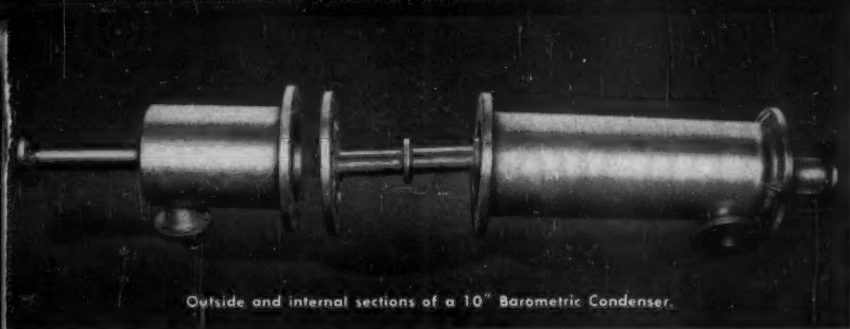
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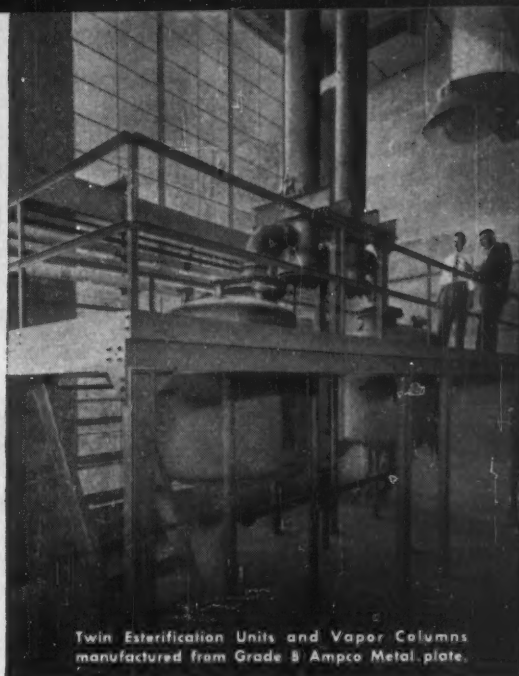
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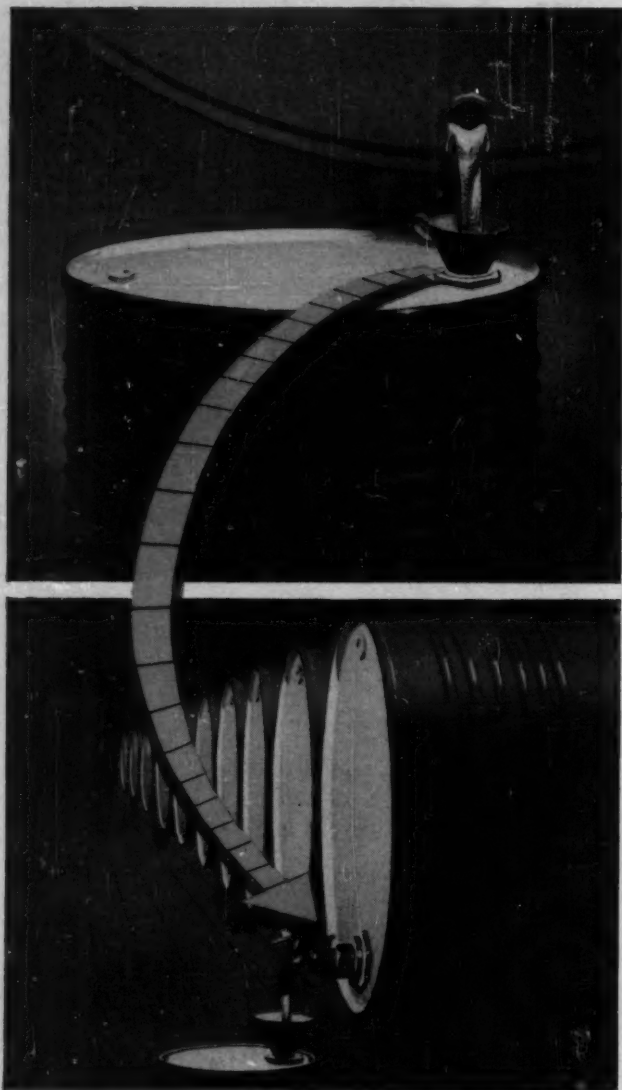
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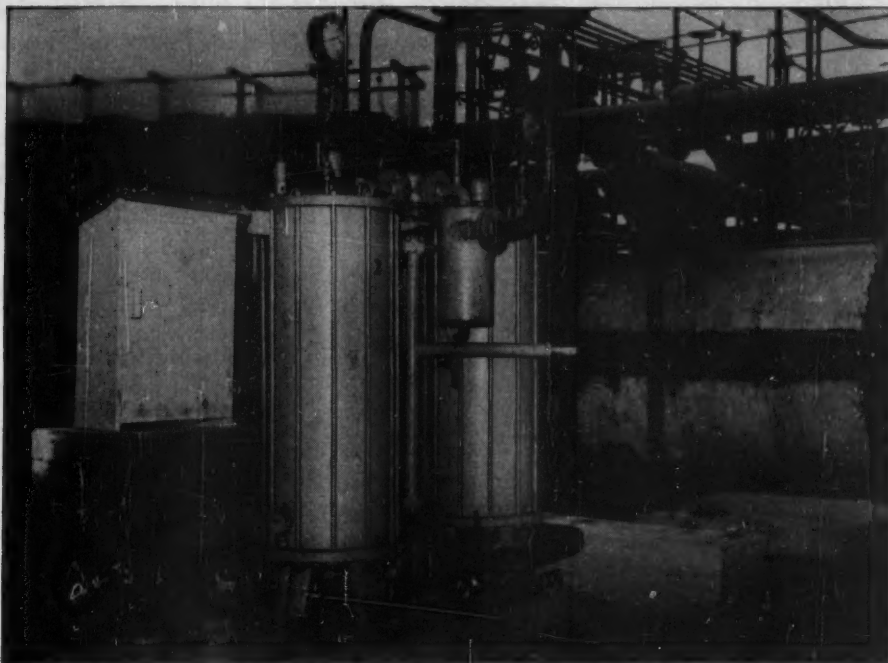
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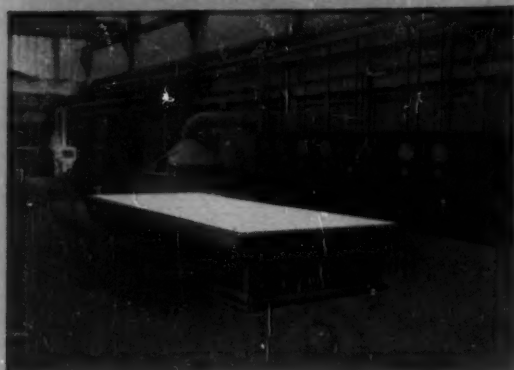
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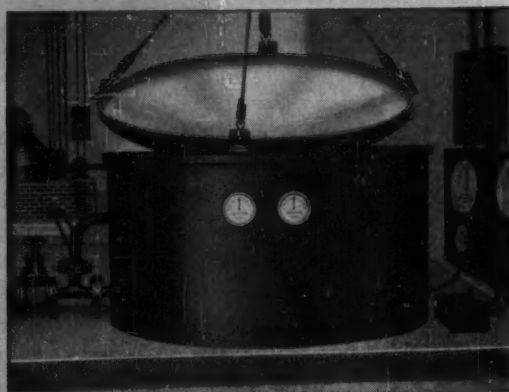
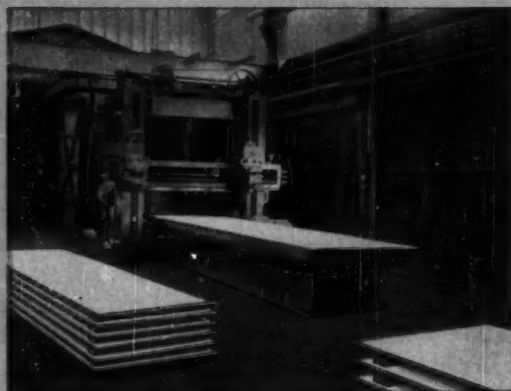
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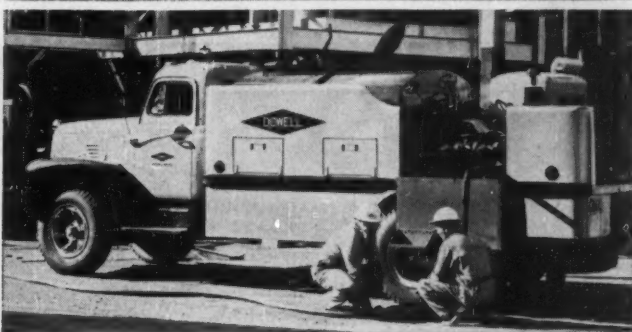
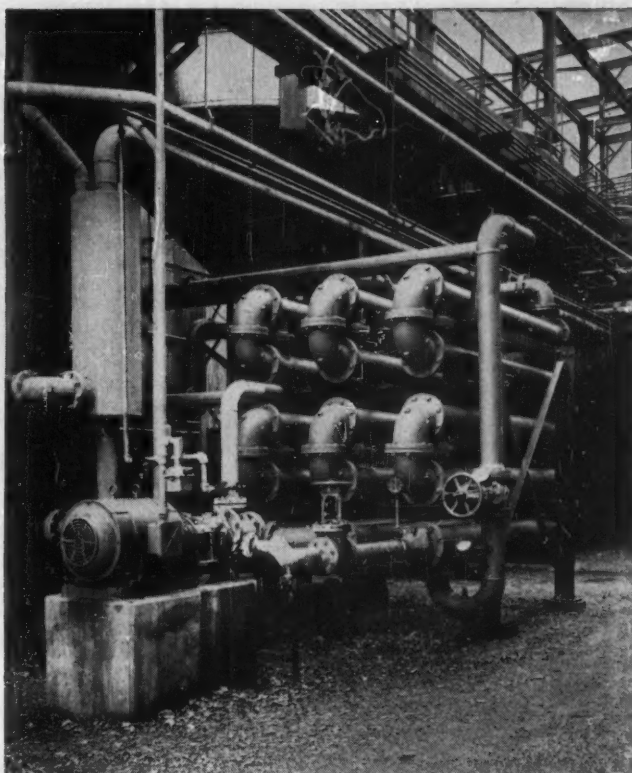


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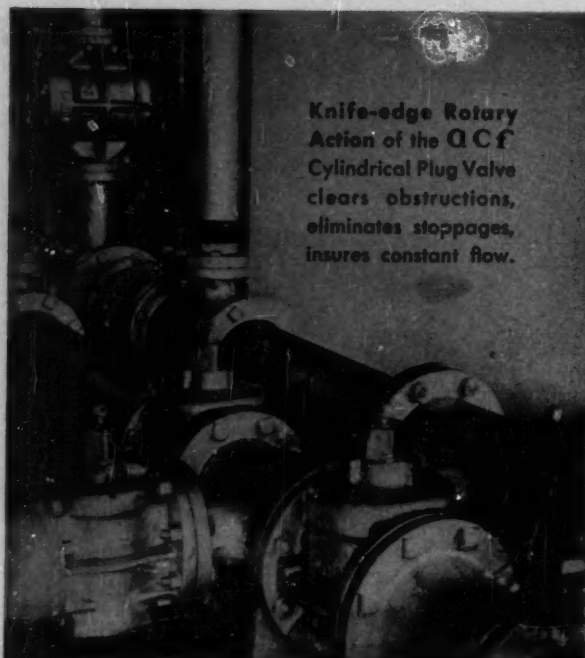
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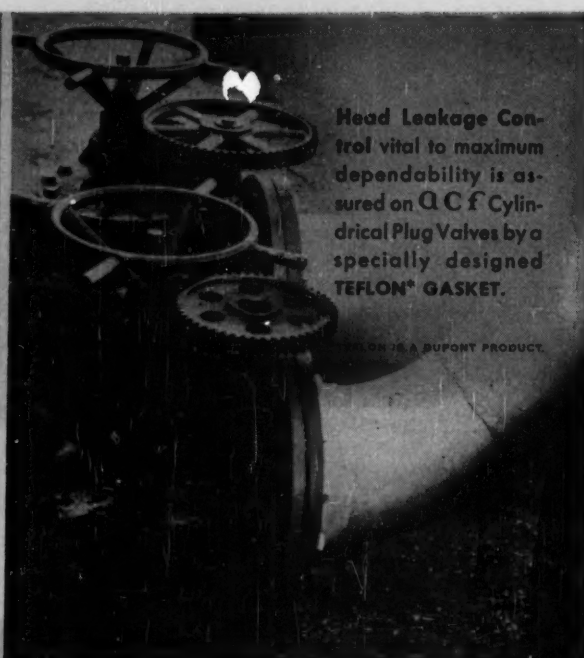
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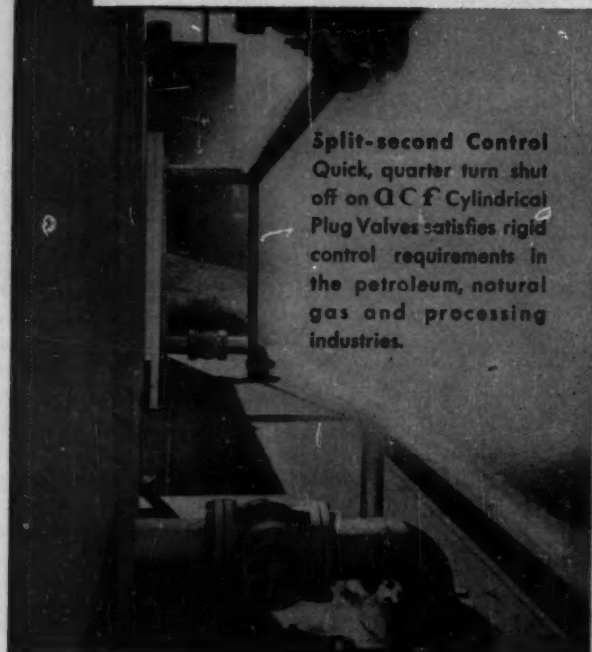
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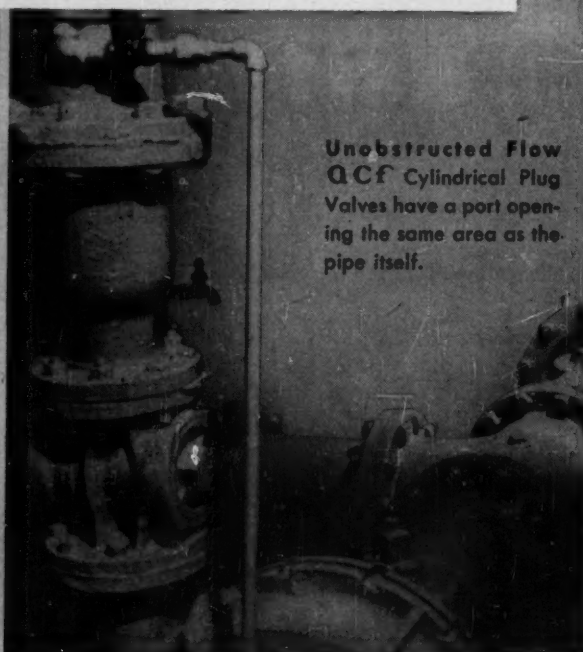
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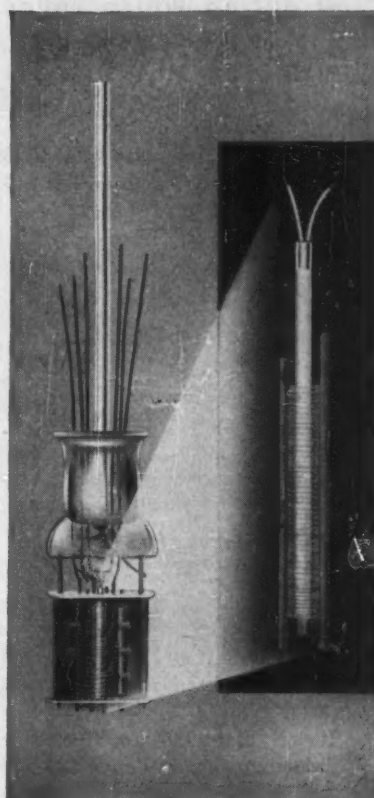
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3. The amount of caustic you use.

### Advantages of 73% liquid

1. With 73%, there is a substantial saving in freight charges. 63% less water is shipped per unit weight of dry caustic soda.
2. You will place fewer orders. This cuts down on your billing work.

### Disadvantages of 73% liquid

1. It is priced \$2.00 more per ton (dry basis) than 50% because of higher manufacturing costs.
2. If you store it as 73% liquid, you will need heated, nickel-clad steel storage tanks.
3. If you dilute 73% to 50% while unloading, you will need a cooler and other equipment. This represents a considerable investment which can be reduced if you have

suitable equipment already on hand.

**Use this table to see if you can save with 73%**

Use the table at right to find your approximate saving on freight charges with 73% liquid caustic. The table balances two cost factors . . . lower freight charges and the higher initial price of 73% liquid caustic.

To estimate your yearly savings, multiply the figure in the right-hand column which applies to you by your annual consumption in tons (dry basis).

From these savings you will have to deduct the cost of equipment for diluting to 50% while unloading.

Freight rate per hundred weight in cents (including taxes)	Net savings per ton (dry basis) in dollars
5	minus 1.40
10	minus .80
15	minus .10
16	0
20	.60
25	1.20
30	1.80
35	2.40
40	3.00
45	3.70

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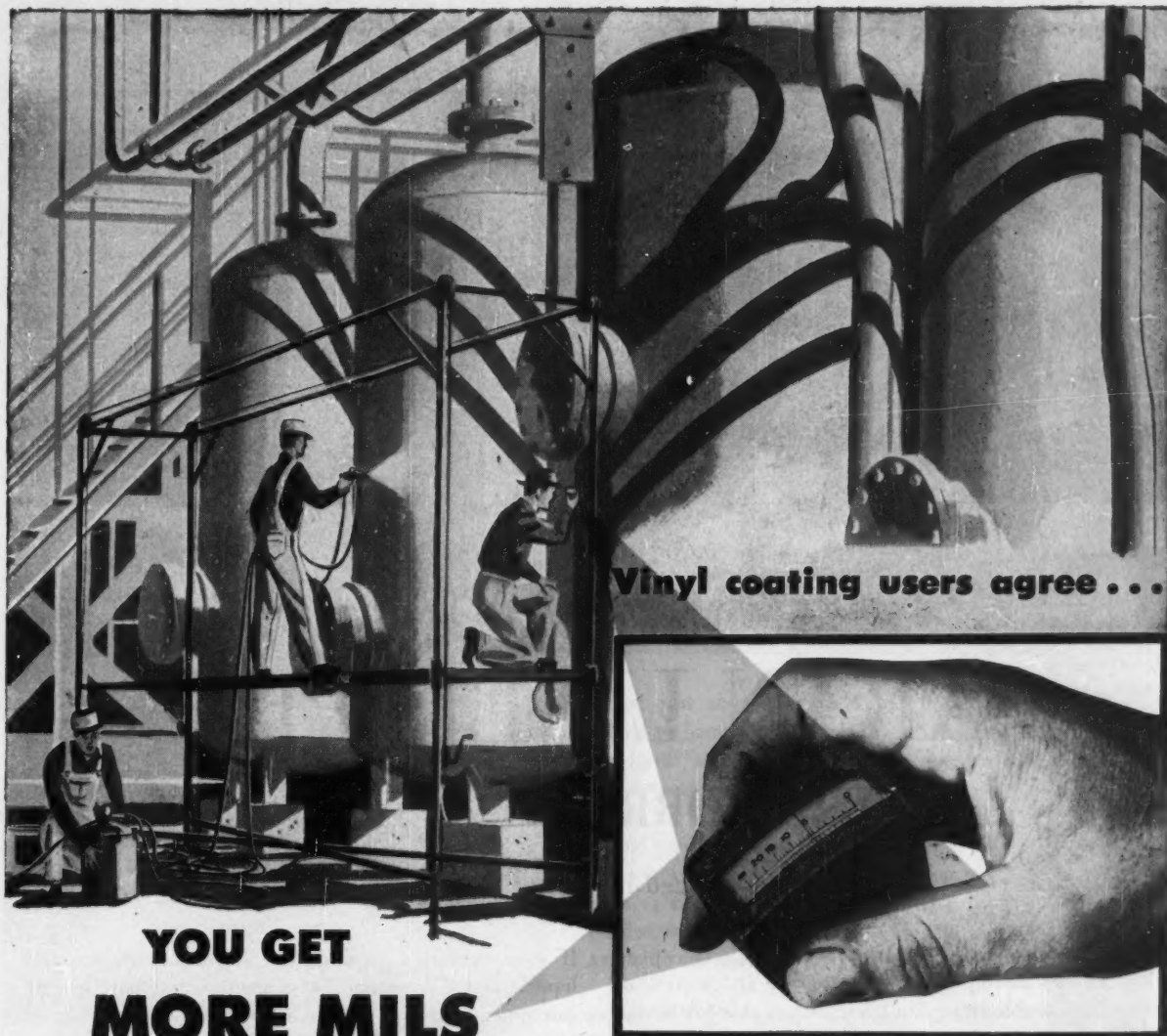


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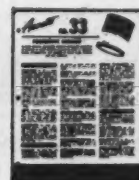
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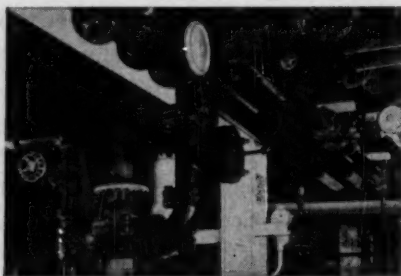
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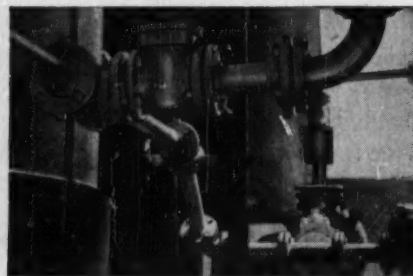
If your operation requires the conveying of corrosive liquids, and if downtime losses are troubling you, investigate saran lined pipe, fittings, and valves today. For further information, contact the Saran Lined Pipe Company, 2415 Burdette Avenue, Ferndale 20, Mich. Dept. 526A

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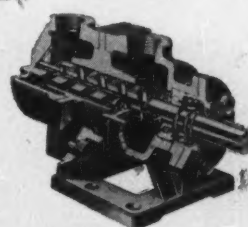
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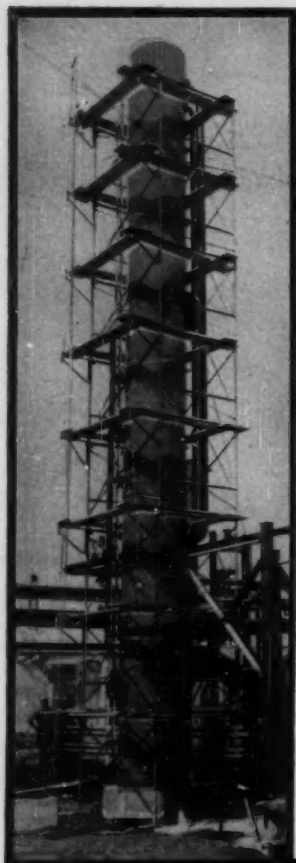
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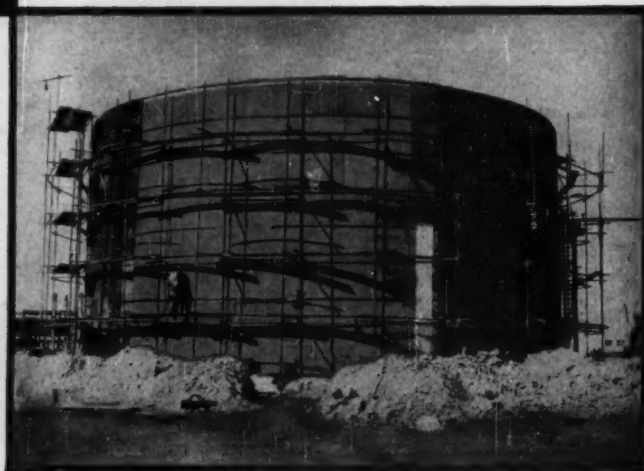


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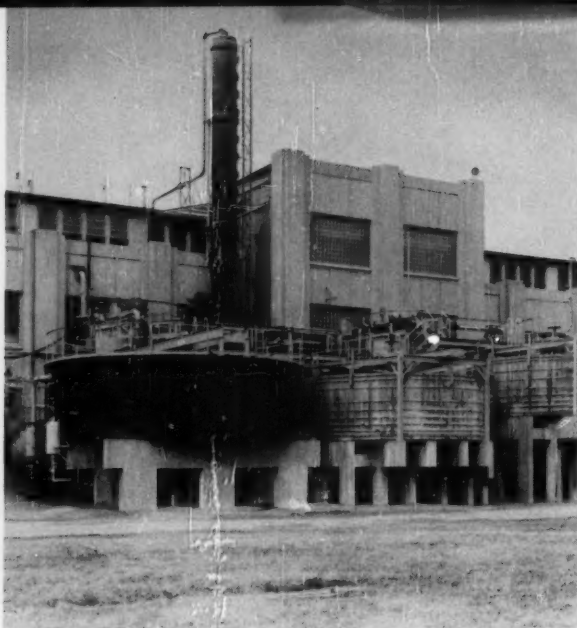
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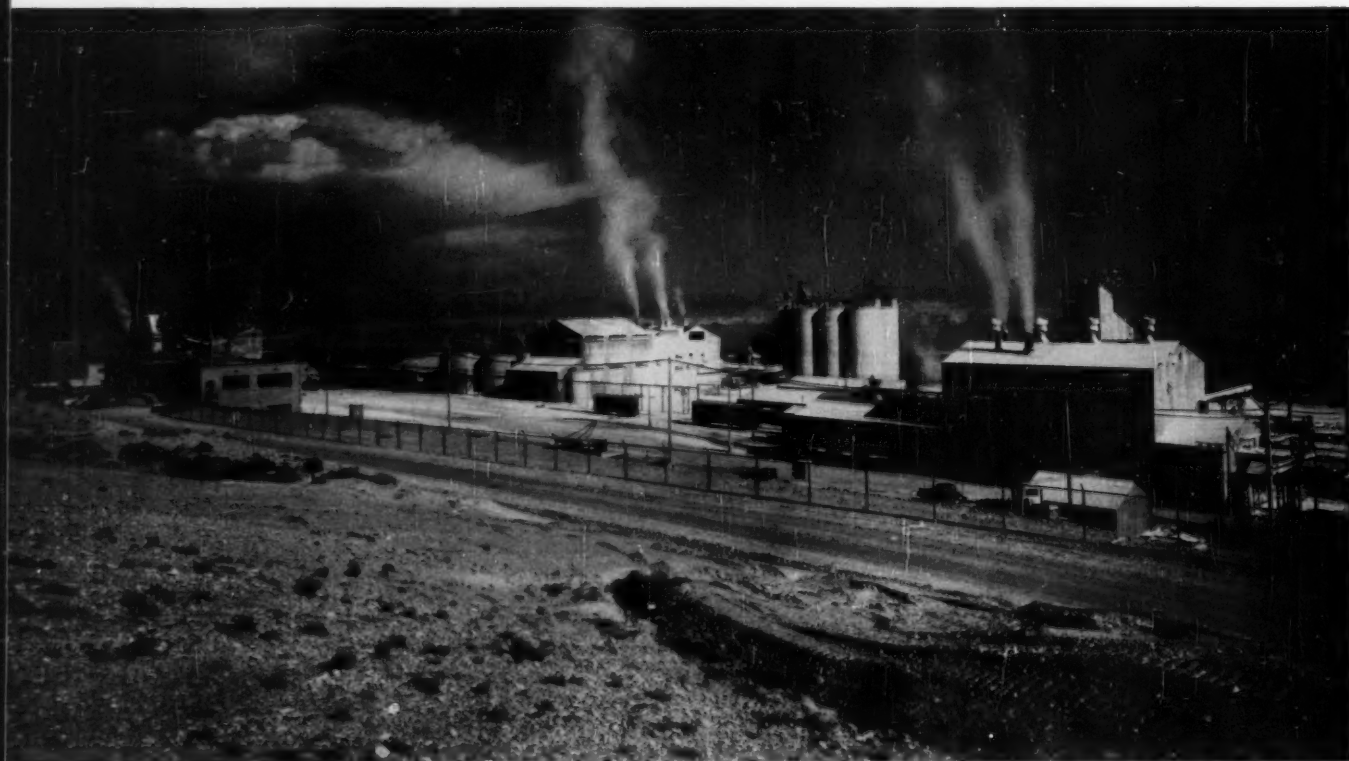


**This plant, producing chlorine, caustic soda and other chemicals, is served from front to back door with a complete Westinghouse power generation, distribution and utilization system. A secondary distribution system of the selective radial type protects this operation against thousand-dollar-a-minute down time.**



**American Cyanamid engineers and Westinghouse worked out a system that will pay dividends for a long time to come. The answer was in providing a group of power centers that can be quickly and easily expanded into a secondary network system as new buildings planned are put in place. Here's Westinghouse equipment matched with a plan for expansion.**

**Westinghouse, in cooperation with Intermountain Chemical Co., Westvaco Division, Food Machinery Corp., developed here a complete power distribution system, providing benefits not only of an integrated arrangement, but of one company responsibility for design, manufacture and application of equipment.**



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# Westinghouse can help you match planning with equipment . . .

## to bring your distribution system up to par

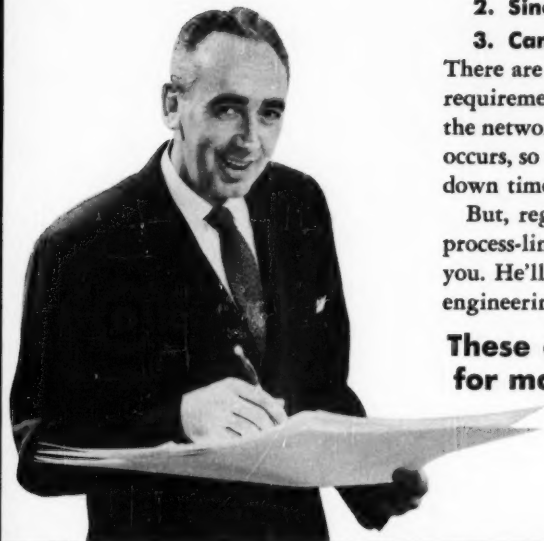
Early and thorough planning of your power distribution system is the only effective answer to these three basic questions:

1. Will my electrical system be adaptable to changing load conditions with minimum service interruptions?
2. Since down time is very costly, will I get maximum reliability?
3. Can I get good voltage regulation in spite of load fluctuations?

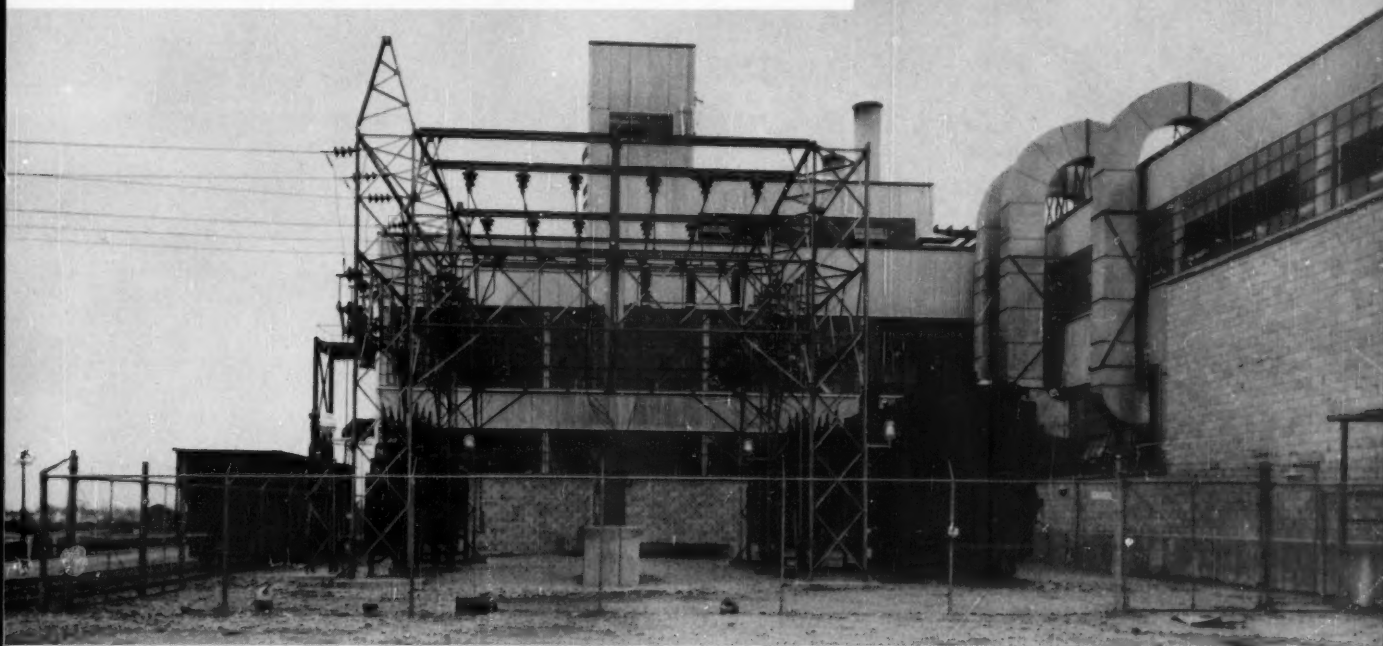
There are many fine electrical systems that can be adapted to fit your process requirements. One modern way to support heavy production schedules is with the network system. This system provides alternate power routes when trouble occurs, so that faults on the line can be shared throughout the system, without down time—a kind of electrical insurance.

But, regardless of the system selected, plan it early, and well, along with process-line planning. Your Westinghouse Representative is ready to assist you. He'll make available to you not only the right equipment, but also the engineering services you need to get started on the right foot.

## These chemical plants integrated secondary power for more efficient, dependable production



Outdoor substation by Westinghouse services the entire chemical plant.



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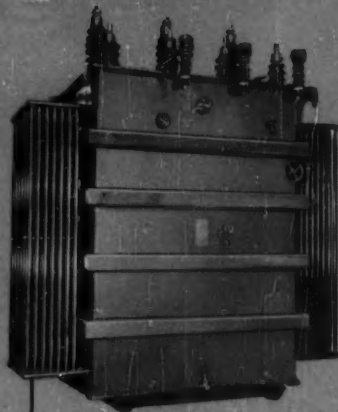


## Westinghouse coordinated distribution equipment maintains constant throughput

It's not good business to gamble against power failure when the penalties run high on continuous process lines. And there *are* ways of providing maximum reliability, without stand-by diesel-generator sets or other expensive makeshift arrangements.

This choice of types of equipment and the kind of power distribution layout will depend on the problems in your plant—change-over, expansions, modernization, new processes or products, and so on. Westinghouse can help you select the right equipment and coordinate it to bring out the specific advantages that best suit your requirements.

On these pages are shown several of the major product elements of a typical process power distribution system, and what each can contribute to its over-all effectiveness.

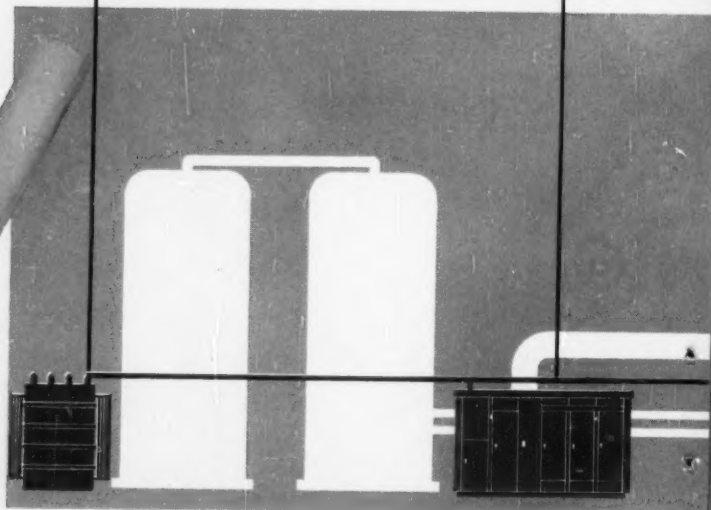
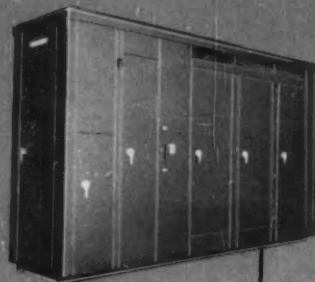


### Standardized Type SL Transformers

Liquid-Filled Westinghouse Type SL Distribution or Power transformers for chemical use offer the many economies of standardization, plus design advantages based on years of tested and proved experience.

### Capacitors

Large Metal Enclosed Westinghouse Capacitor Equipment provides important cost savings, by improving voltage regulation and reducing ampere loading on circuits and transformers. For indoor or outdoor use, these capacitors are rated 230 to 13,800 volts.



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### Metal-clad Switchgear

To protect heavy capital investment and prevent costly interruption of chemical processes, switchgear must be exceptionally reliable. Westinghouse Metal-Clad Switchgear more than meets this basic requirement — offers outstanding advantages for chemical service.

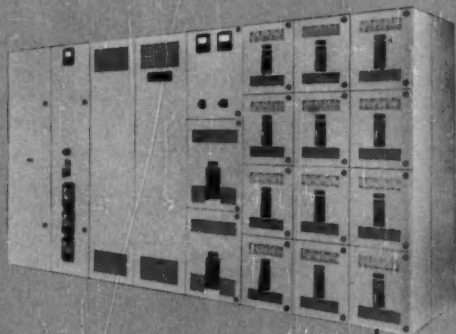
DH Air Circuit Breakers provide positive protection — employ De-ion® arc extinction, the most effective method known. There's less contact burning — less maintenance — more reliability. Breakers draw out horizontally — can be changed in three minutes flat, vital for service continuity.

Corrosion is licked by Bonderizing enclosures *after* assembly — prime and finish painting. For outdoor service, undersurfaces are protected by an all-weather coating.

Standardization in manufacturing keeps your costs down. Special engineering is eliminated. Switchgear can be expanded, re-arranged or relocated with only minor wiring changes and no loss in value.

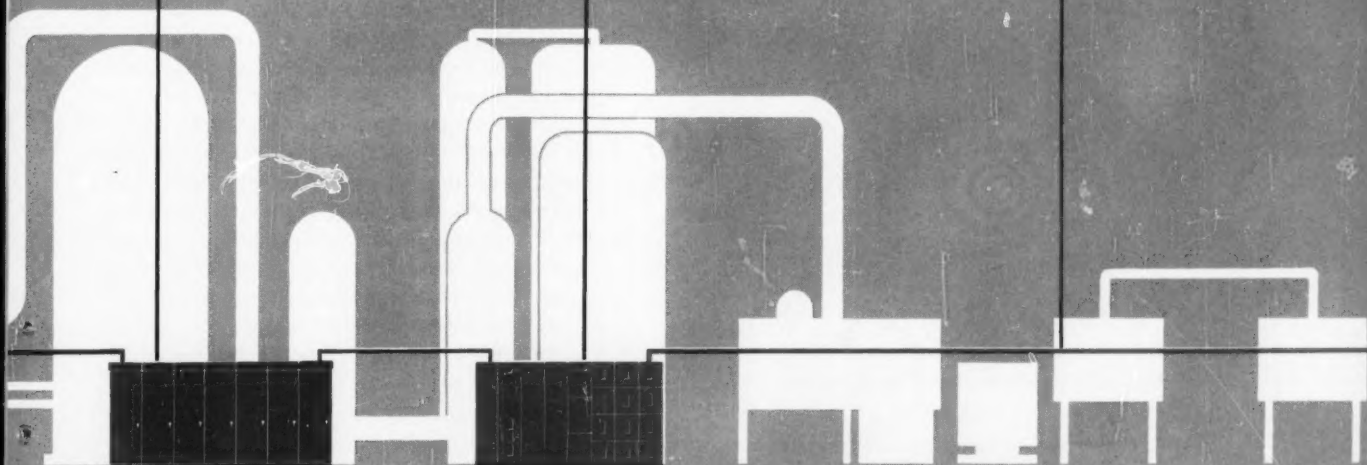
### Dry-type Power Centers

Westinghouse Dry-Type Power Centers include in one line-up an air-cooled power transformer, high and low voltage switchgear equipment — all coordinated and tested at the factory for highest operating efficiency. Since all parts are of Westinghouse manufacture, you receive the plus benefits of unit responsibility.



### Bus Duct

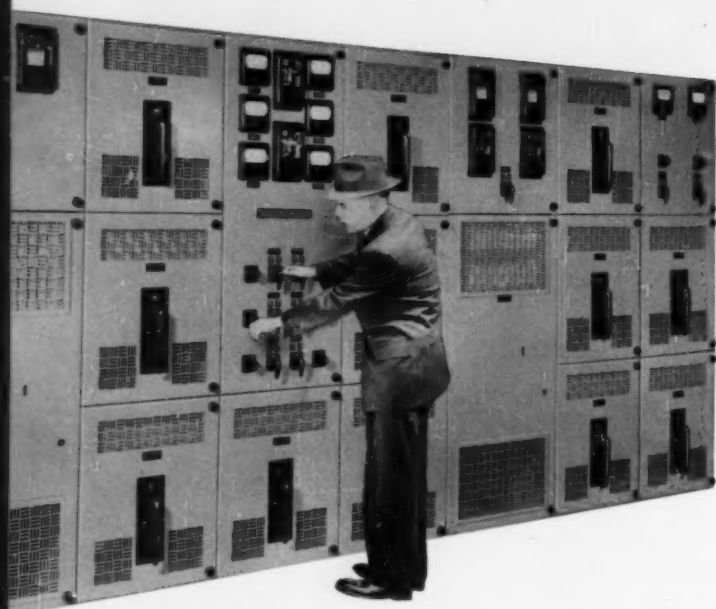
Bus duct is the modern, convenient way of carrying power in both distribution and utilization loads over long or short runs. Four types provide for economical and efficient handling of power under all conditions, indoors and out.



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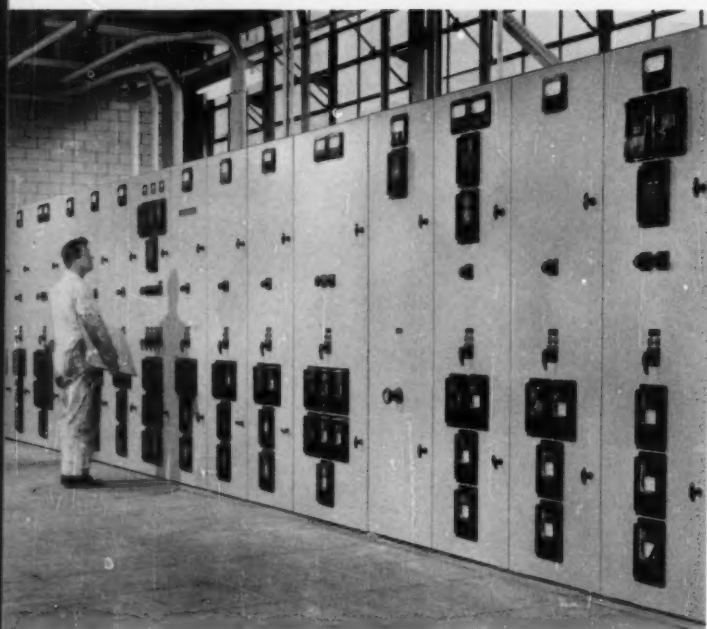
# Westinghouse equipment flexibility meets problems of



## ... special servicing, with Westinghouse Low-Voltage Switchgear

One basic problem is obsolescence, not only of production equipment, but of the arrangement of power serving that equipment. Here are three outstanding advantages of Westinghouse Low-Voltage, Metal-Enclosed Switchgear to help you in this servicing problem.

1. Unitized design eliminates special design and engineering expense for the original installation and, at the same time, provides custom-built preciseness in meeting application requirements — number and rating of breakers; selection of attachments, instruments and relays.
2. With 10 basic units and a selection of standard instrument panels, future additions or replacements can be easily and quickly made any time.
3. All breakers are of drawout type and can be moved from "connected" to "test" or "disconnected" positions, or removed completely.



## ... special safety requirements, with Westinghouse High-Voltage Switchgear

Westinghouse High-Voltage Switchgear is completely dead-front. All breakers may be closed or tripped without opening doors or otherwise exposing live parts. Each breaker is enclosed in an individual metal compartment. Interlocks are provided so that the compartment door cannot be opened while the circuit breaker is closed. Bare buses, cable connections and instrument transformers are placed in full-height rear compartments and separated from breaker compartments. Interlock and positioning devices assure safe removal or replacement of breakers.

As added protection, Westinghouse Switchgear structures are completely Bonderized after fabrication, inhibiting corrosion and assuring a long-lived finish.

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### **... especially designed capacity, with Westinghouse Power Centers**

Dry-type power centers, capable of being installed in the center of your load area, give you all the advantages of high voltage close to the load. For instance you will gain:

**Greater Safety**—Because of their inherent design which eliminates the need for oil, Westinghouse Dry-Type Power Centers are safe from explosion. No vaults or safety barriers are necessary.

**Lower Line Loss**—By installing a Westinghouse Power Center in the center of your load area, you eliminate the need for long secondary lines and their resulting power losses. A loss of only 10% of rated voltage can cut furnace heat generation, for instance, to 81% of normal.

**Improved Regulation**—Voltage drop on power lines to motors causes low starting torque and increased heating, lessening their efficiency and shortening service life. Westinghouse Dry-Type Power Centers help minimize operating voltage drop and assure good regulation.

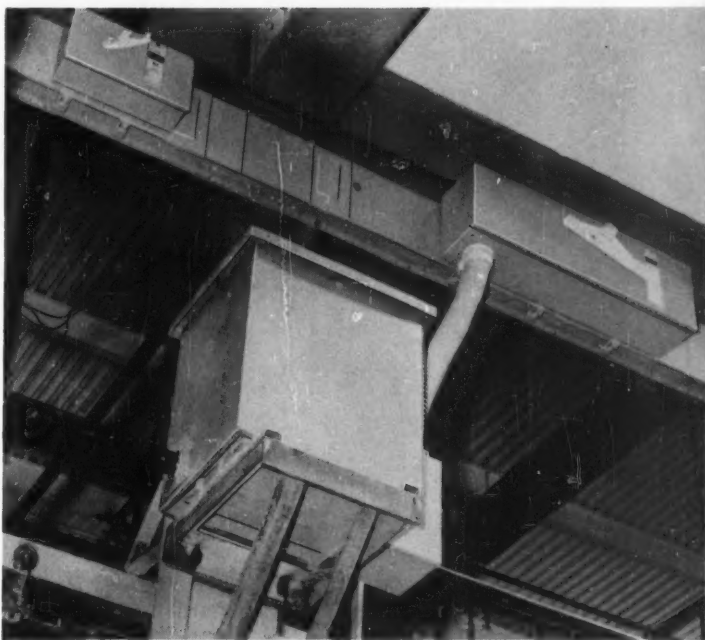
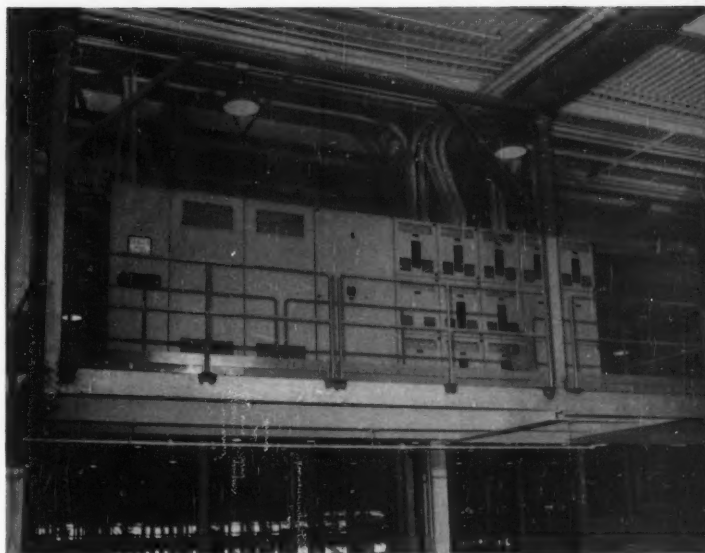
**Lower Secondary Cable Costs**—Shorter secondary lines mean substantial savings in copper. Realizing these savings throughout an entire plant distribution system can reduce over-all investment considerably.

Power centers include transformer and switchgear in one compact structure.

### **... especially designed spaces, with Westinghouse Bus Duct and Dry-Type Transformers**

Westinghouse Bus Duct is an ideal power distribution medium, because of its universal flexibility. It can be installed quickly and easily to suit physical space needs of your plant. Duct is available in 10-foot prefabricated sections with elbows, tees and crossovers, so that the line can be run in any direction, around obstructions and corners. It can be placed flat or endwise, in batteries or singly, against ceilings or walls, parallel with air-conditioning duct or other lines—and with complete safety. Tight layouts and obstacles are no problem.

In modernization or conversion work, duct is fully salvageable. It can be dismantled, reassembled, expanded—no expensive altering or moving of structures and equipment often necessary with con-



duit-cable systems. Specify flexible Westinghouse Bus Duct.

In the picture above, underneath the bus duct, is a Westinghouse AVR-B Dry-Type Transformer. Placed strategically throughout a plant, these transformers bring power conveniently, economically close to the load. Basically simple, dry types contain no liquids to change and are therefore easy to maintain, safe from explosion.

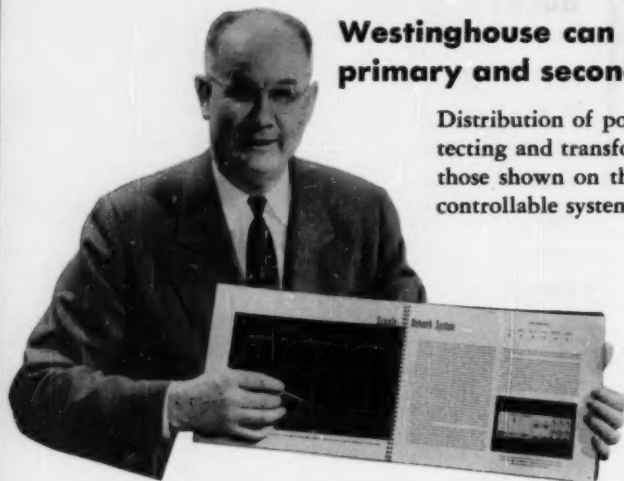


## Large metal-enclosed capacitor equipments control voltage levels

Today, in many chemical plants, large amounts of kilovars are needed to provide voltages at levels required for efficient operation of process equipment and maintenance of product quality.

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## Westinghouse can help you match up primary and secondary power

Distribution of power includes carrying, controlling, regulating, measuring, protecting and transforming electrical energy. Many pieces of equipment, other than those shown on these pages, must be considered in planning a flexible, reliable, controllable system. Your Westinghouse Representative can help you select them, coordinate them and tie them in with your primary power.

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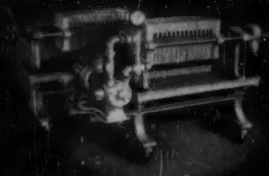

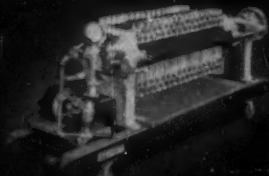

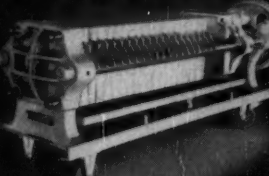

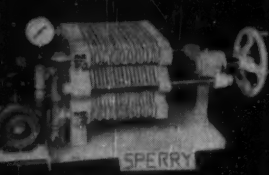

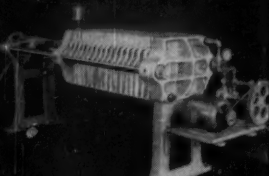



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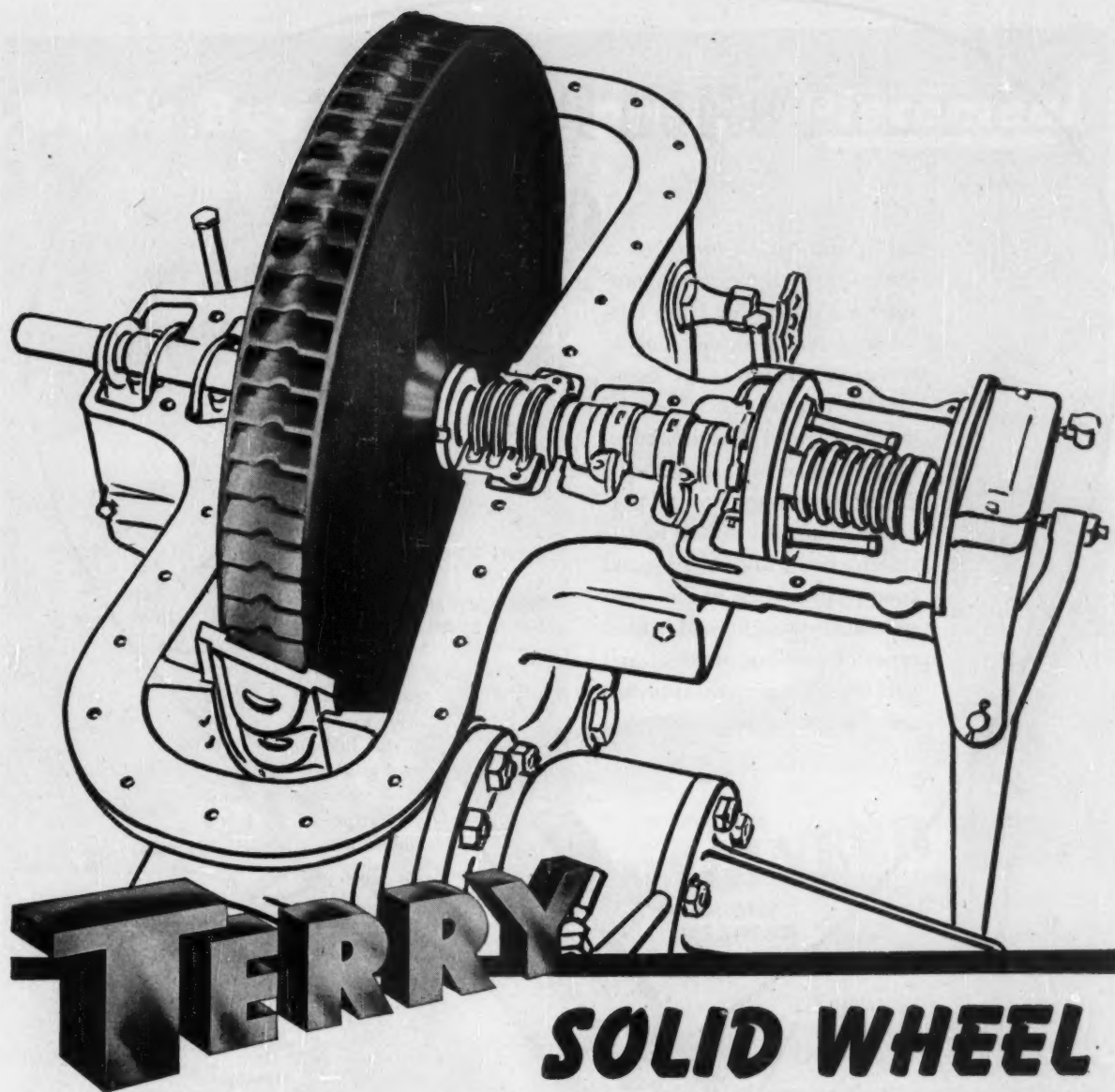
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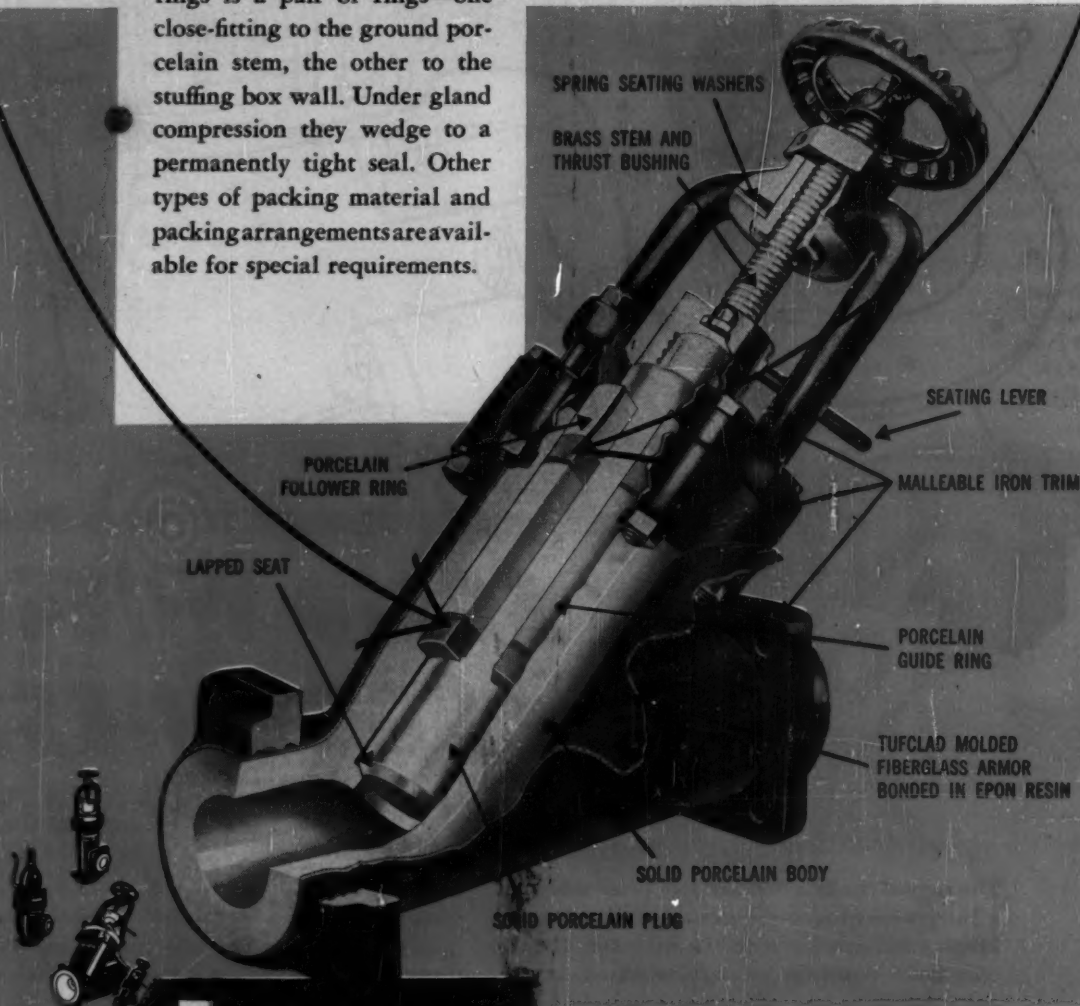
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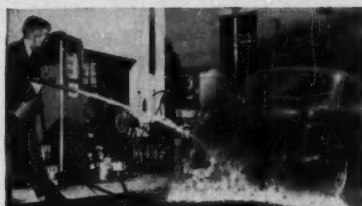
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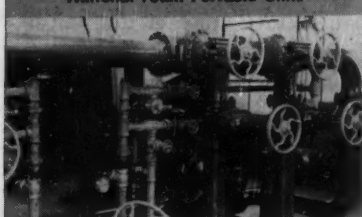


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**AAF General Office Building Serves as Proving Ground  
for New Automatic, Renewable Media Air Filter!**

**I**T looked good on paper; was sensational in the laboratory. But how would it measure up in actual day-to-day service? AAF's General Office Building air conditioning system was selected as the "guinea pig" long before the ROLL-O-MATIC ever made a public appearance.

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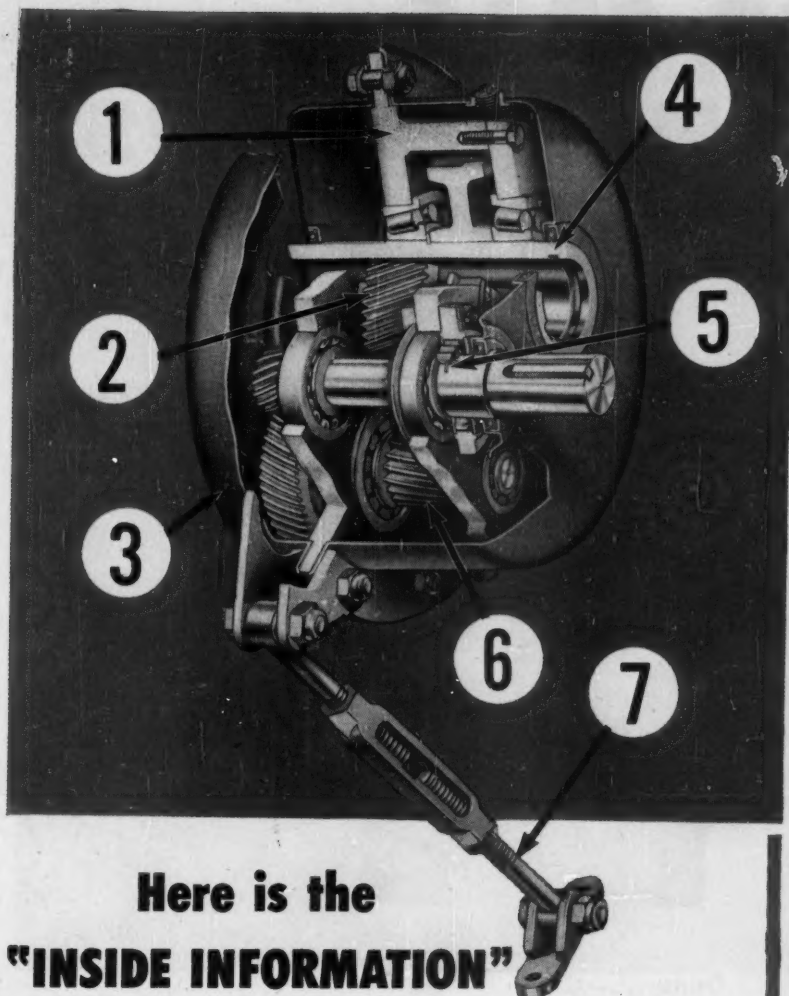
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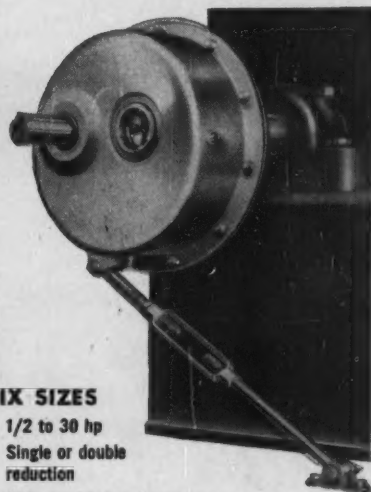
Take a careful look inside the Falk all-steel Shaft Mounted Drive, and you will know why this newest member of the famous Falk family is ideal for applications where direct mounting on the driven shaft is desirable. It is the only drive in its field with all these superior "In-built" factors:—

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- 3 **Pressed Steel Housings**, whose sole function is to keep oil in, dirt out; easily removed for gear inspection without dismounting unit.
- 4 **Through Hollow Shaft** with counter bore provides for easiest installation or removal from driven machine shaft extensions.

- 5 **Backstop** can be furnished with the unit or added later for positive prevention of reverse rotation.
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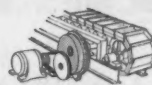


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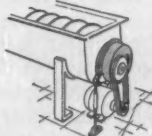
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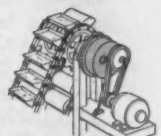
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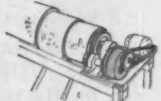
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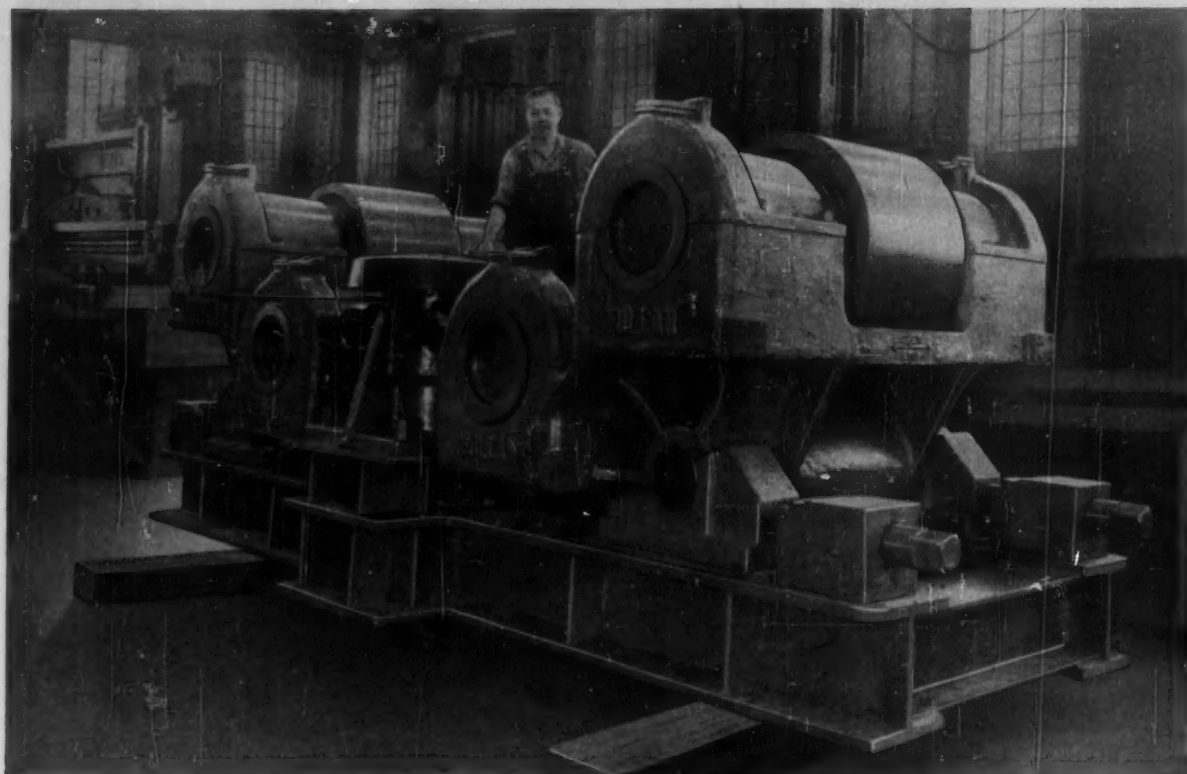
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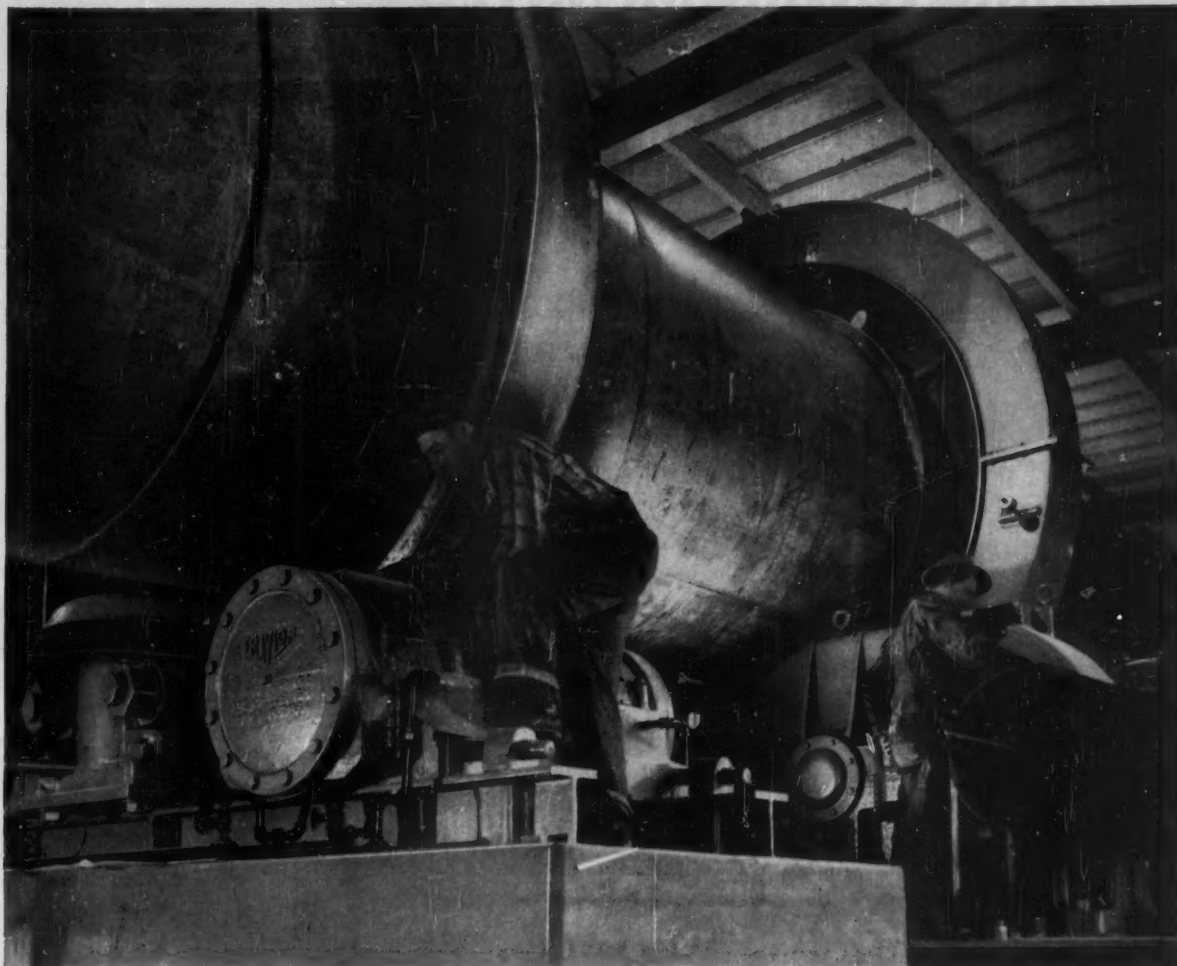
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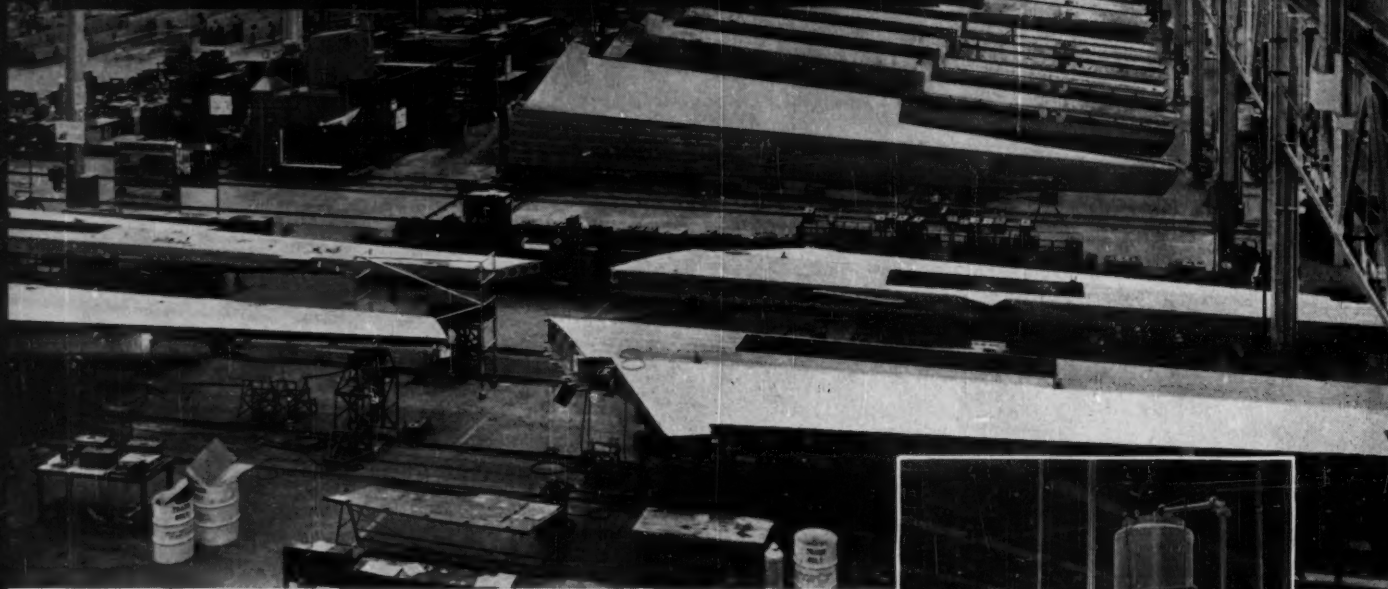


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# FORD MOTOR COMPANY protects Stratojet bomber wings from CORROSION!



## *Permutit Ion Exchangers increase resistance to corrosion, also eliminate chromate waste disposal problem*

● Ford's Kansas City aircraft plant keeps a sharp eye on every operation. Wings for Stratojets must have a *perfect finish* for aerodynamic smoothness . . . one that holds up in rough service.

**Durable, hard coatings!** The life of Ford's anodic film, its appearance and corrosion-resistance depend on *water quality* in the bath makeup, rinsing and hot sealing. As in most plants, their water supply contains dissolved minerals. Slight traces . . . but enough to interfere with Ford's rigid standards.

**New method investigated!** Ford engineers looked into the ion exchange process for demineralizing water orig-

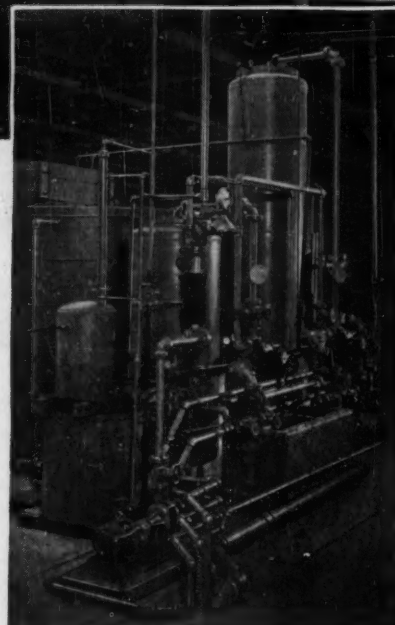
inated by Permutit. Here's what they got with the help of Permutit engineers.

### **Improved corrosion-resistance!**

Compact Permutit units (right) deliver *mineral-free* hot seal and rinse water . . . at the correct pH for best corrosion-resistance. The anion exchanger cuts chromate bills . . . recovers  $\text{CrO}_3$  from dragout. This permits recirculating hot seals and rinses for big savings in fuel, water.

### **Waste disposal problem ended!**

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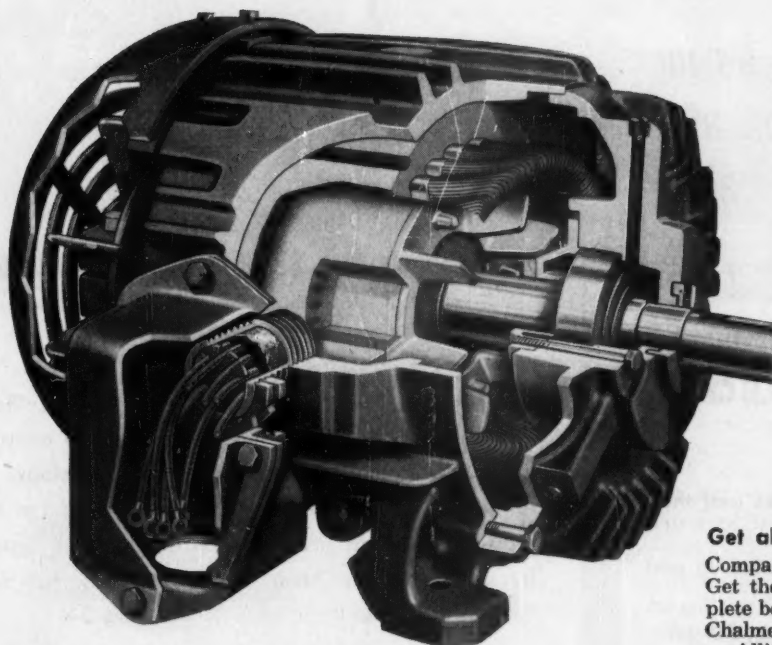
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# It takes Six Bolts

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THE TWO EXTRA BOLTS in the end housing of every Allis-Chalmers ball bearing motor are the proof of *extra* protection against bearing failure. These are the bolts that hold the bearing cap tightly in place against the inner face of the bearing enclosure. This cap, with its close running clearances, keeps grease from the interior of the motor . . . retains an ample supply within the bearing enclosure . . . protects the grease and the bearing against contamination from dirt and moisture.

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When you buy welding elbows . . .



# Why take less when you can get more?

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## ADVANTAGES OF MIDWEST "LONG TANGENT" ELBOWS

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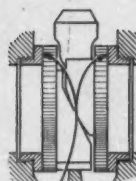
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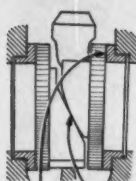
## ...UNIQUE DARLING DOUBLE REVOLVING DISC, CAST STEEL GATE VALVE

**Y**ES, here's a sure way to get better, more dependable valve service. Install this Darling gate valve of the fully revolving double disc, parallel seat type. Time after time users rate it number one for the elimination of down-time and repeated maintenance headaches.

Check the diagrams at right. Note how this Darling gate valve automatically compensates for body distortion, and resulting misalignment of seats. The upper wedge face is radiused, while the lower wedge face is straight, thus disc-to-seat pressure is equalized, assuring tight closure despite distortion and wear.



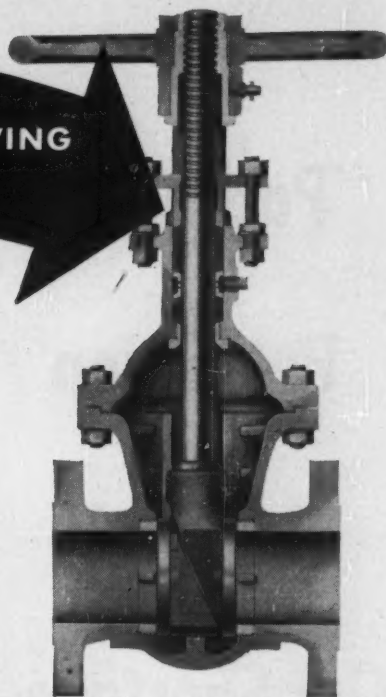
*Discs and seats are parallel.*



*Seats forced out of parallel by body of wedge distortion but discs adjust themselves to give positive closure.*

*Radiused face of wedge allows discs to adjust tightly against both seats.*

For foolproof simplicity in maintenance and reassembly, and unequalled service life, install this superior Darling Cast Steel Gate Valve.



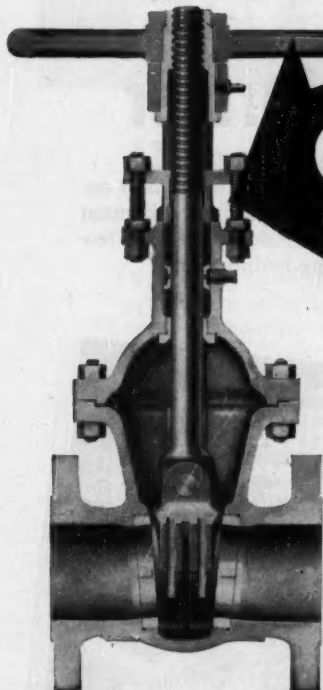
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## ...DARLING SLOTTED WEDGE CAST STEEL GATE VALVE

**H**ERE'S the second good way to get better valve service. This Darling gate valve's slotted wedge provides flexibility when it's needed! It automatically compensates for expansion and contraction due to temperature changes, avoids leaks and minimizes wear and tear on the wedge faces and seats.

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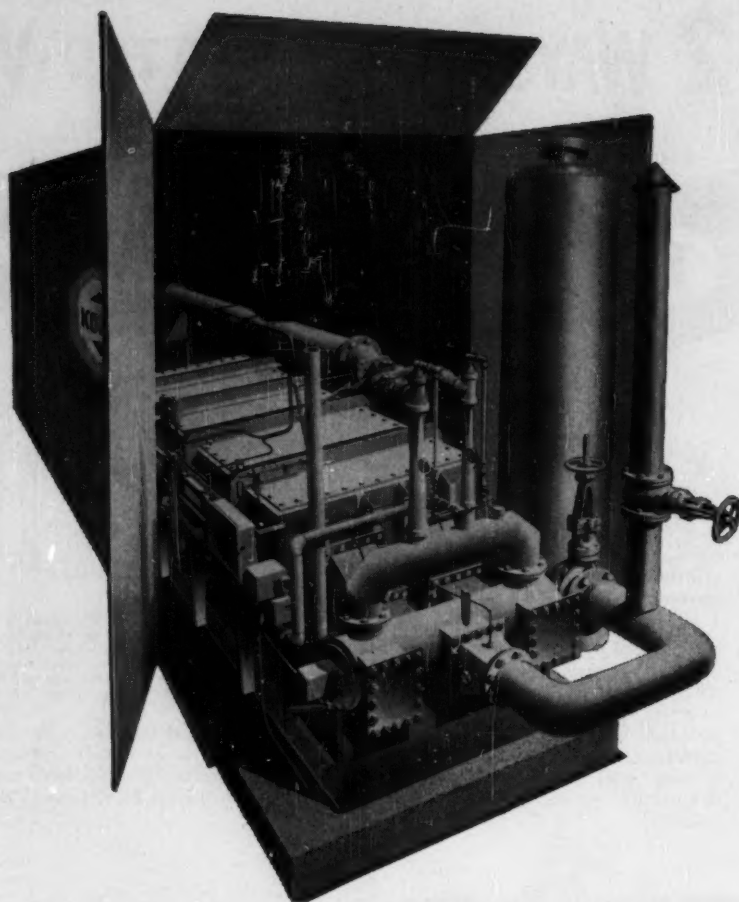
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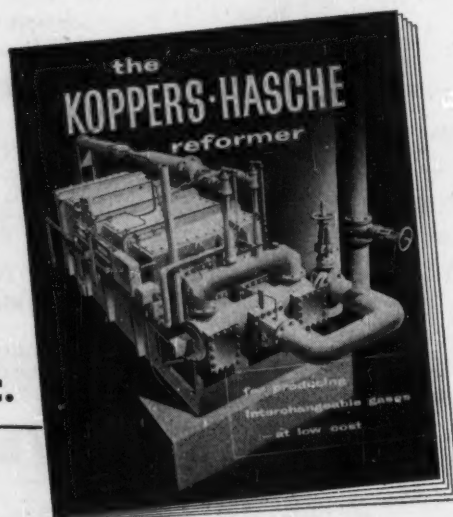
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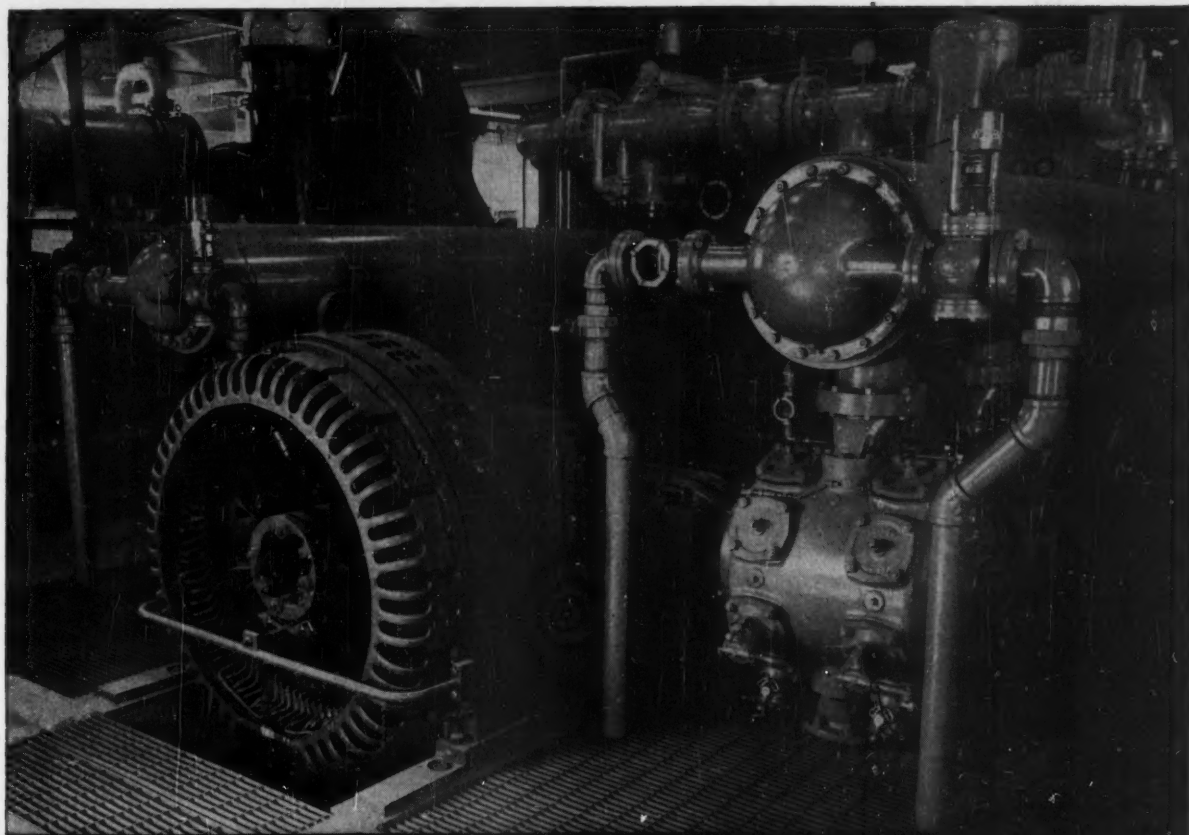
Operating cost is low, too. Units are almost entirely automatic in operation, requiring a minimum of operating labor and supervision. There are few moving parts, thus reducing maintenance.



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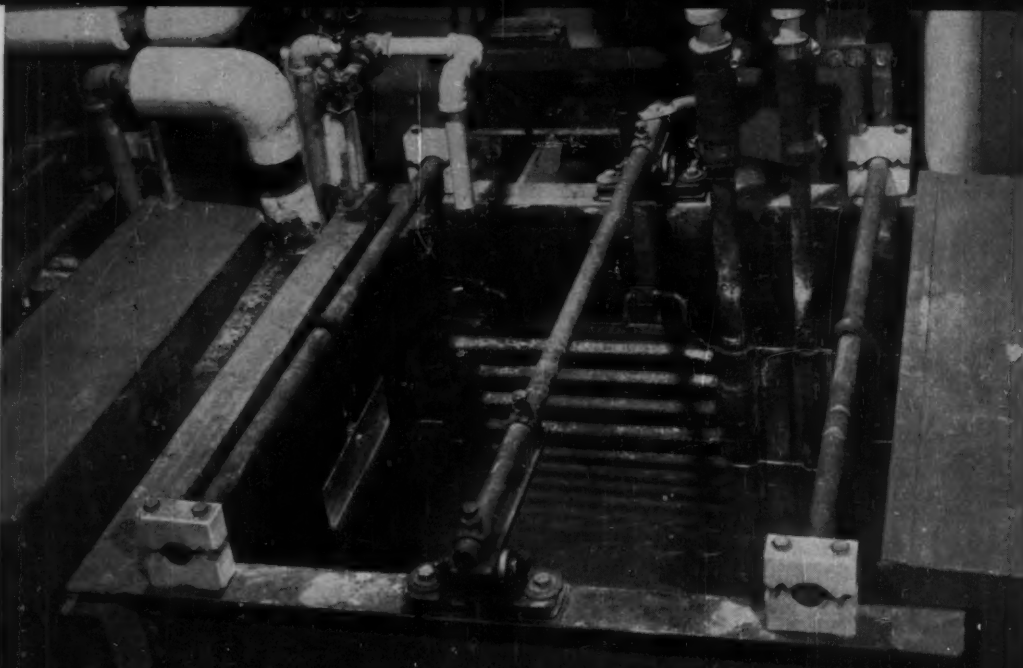
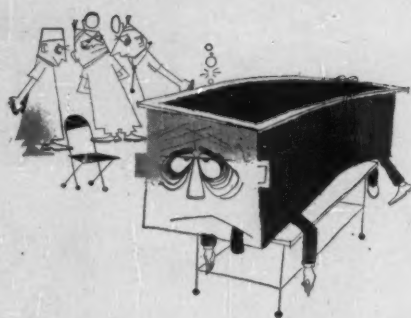
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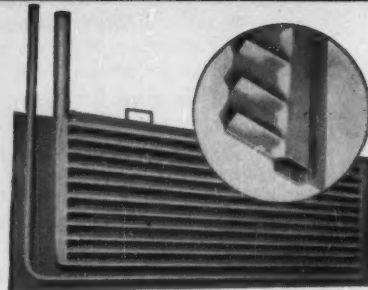
**new Wyandotte Research Laboratory**  
**uses PLATECOILS**  
**to prevent coil-itis \***

One of the finest technical laboratories in the country is the new Research Laboratory of Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation, Wyandotte, Michigan. A key feature of this laboratory is a series of 100-gallon plating and cleaning tanks made of various materials, such as rubber and plastic, which resist the actions of different types of chemicals. Individual tanks can be heated from room temperature to 212 degrees in less than an hour, by the Platecoil heat transfer units in the tanks. "We find Platecoil to be ideal because of their easy-to-clean surfaces and standardized performance," reports A. W. Liger, Supervisor of Industrial Research.

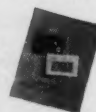


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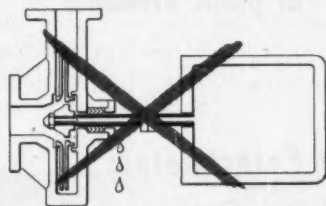
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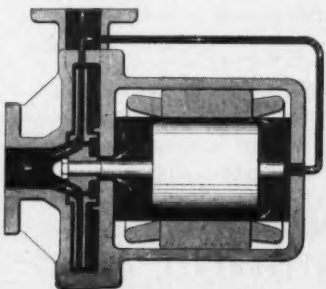
# "CANNED ROTOR" PUMPS PAY OFF IN LOW UPKEEP COSTS, NO FLUID LOSSES

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Philadelphia, Pa. Officials of a large electrical switchgear manufacturer recently stated that \$45 per day savings of trichlorethylene resulted from installing a Model CF Chempump on a distillation-type degreaser. Fluid losses with the ordinary centrifugal previously installed averaged 25 gallons a day. "On top of this," they stated, "we had to repack the pump every two days. We'd tried all kinds of packing, some of them very expensive—but without luck. Since installing the Chempump, we haven't lost a drop of solvent, and there has been absolutely no maintenance."



Design secret of the Chempump lies in combined construction of pump and motor, which eliminates seals, stuffing boxes, lubrication, long external shafts, etc. The Chempump allows pumped fluid to enter rotor chamber; a corrosion resistant liner isolates stator windings. Chempumps are available in sizes from  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  horsepower, and in a wide variety of construction materials.



## NUCLEAR SERVICE REQUIREMENTS SPUR LEAK-PROOF PUMP PRODUCTION

Less than two years ago, only one company in the country was producing and marketing a canned-rotor pump. Today, spurred on by the atomic energy program, half a dozen firms are at work on models for atomic-powered submarines, nuclear energy central stations, even atomic-powered aircraft.

To the man in the chemical process industries, all this is good news, because canned-rotor pumps can't

leak. They require no shaft seals or stuffing boxes, maintenance is practically nonexistent. And leakage losses, high maintenance costs are two of the biggest headaches centrifugal pump users face.

Canned-rotor pumps came about through the efforts of two young Philadelphia engineers, now officers and directors of the Chempump Corporation. Working on principles developed before World War II, they did further research and engineering, and in 1947 began production of a seal-less, canned-rotor pump.

Even while tooling up for production of this first model, the two designers were planning variations for specific applications in the chemical process industries. Pumps were built to handle extreme temperatures and pressures as well as a variety of corrosive fluids. The pumping requirements of chemical processors were carefully studied, and steps taken toward standardization of designs to meet those requirements.

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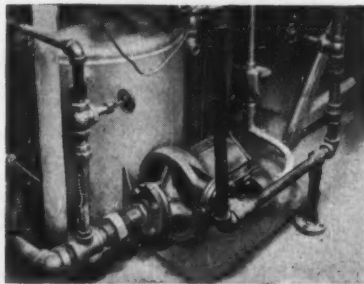
H. T. White and D. P. Litzberg (left), developers of the first practical seal-less "canned-rotor" pump. On the desk are plans for an extreme-pressure, extreme-temperature design.

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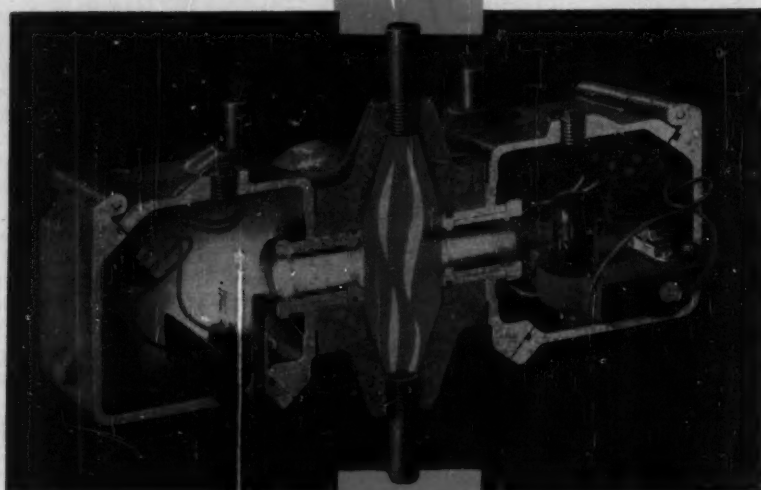
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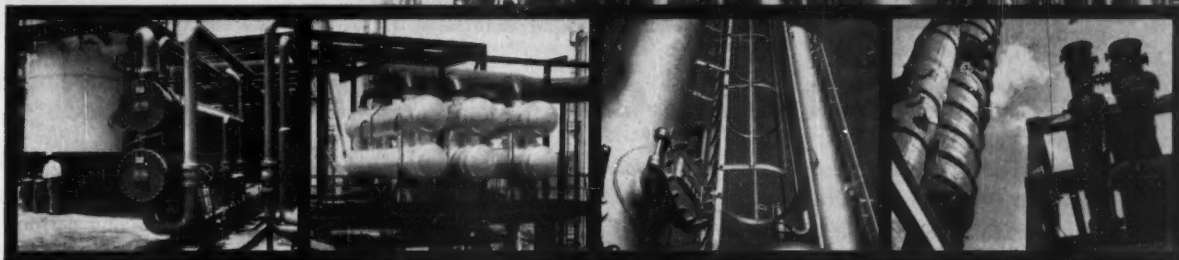
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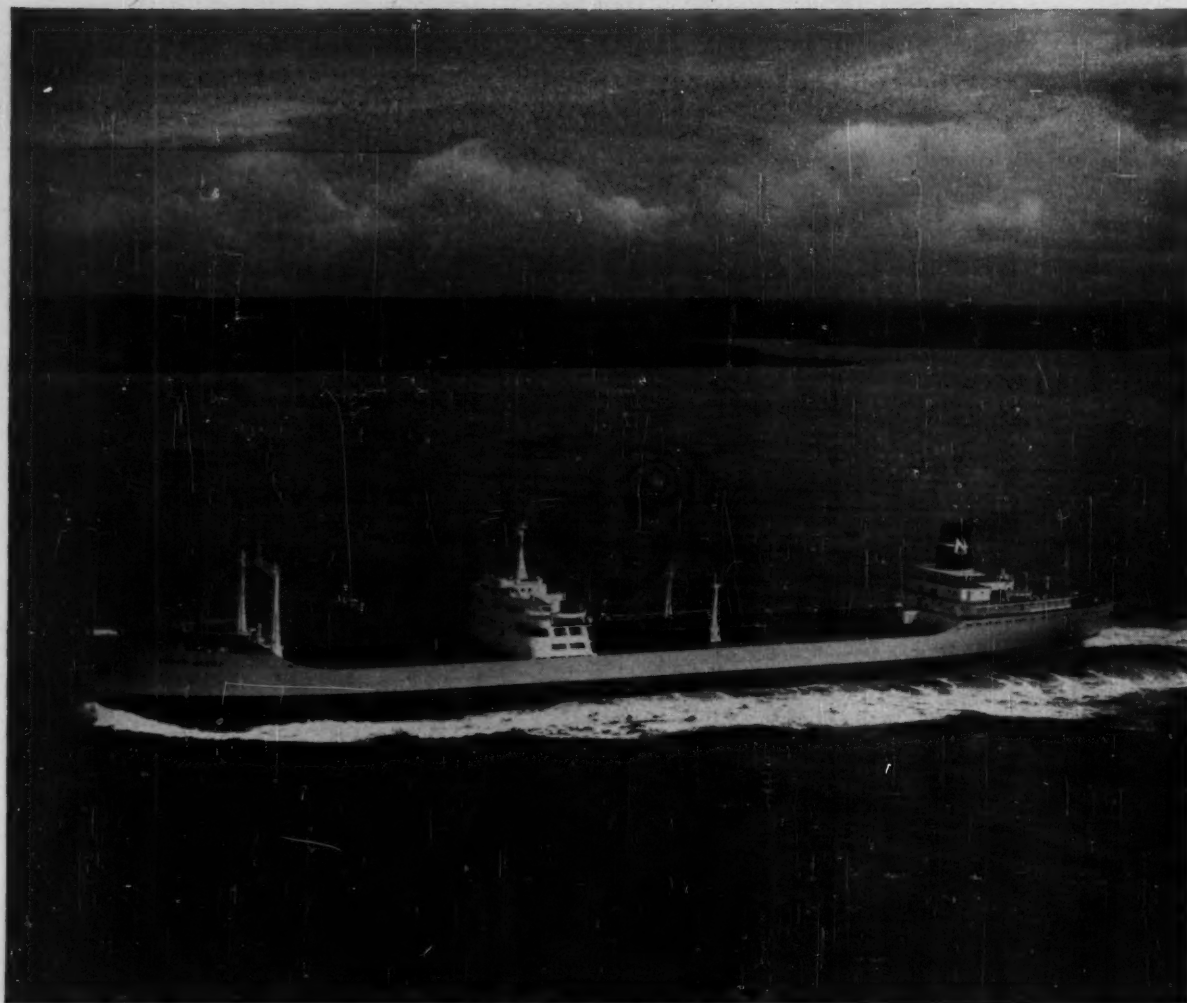
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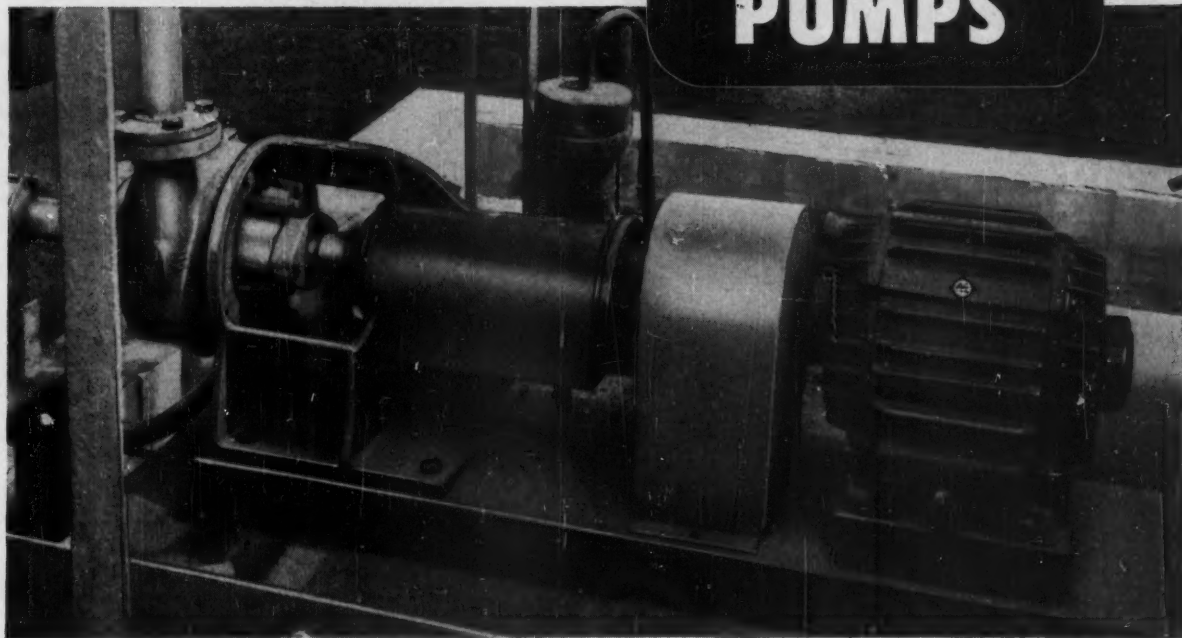


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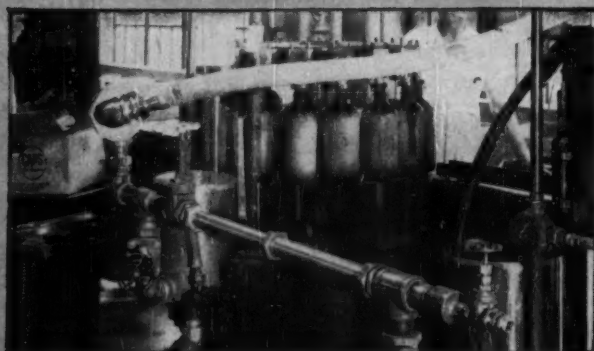
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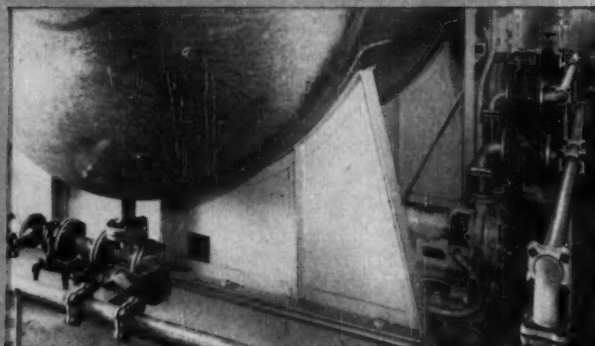
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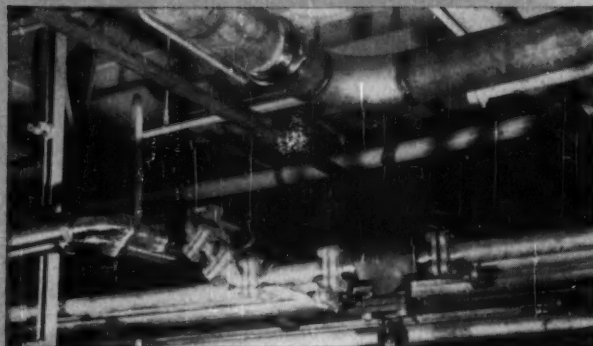
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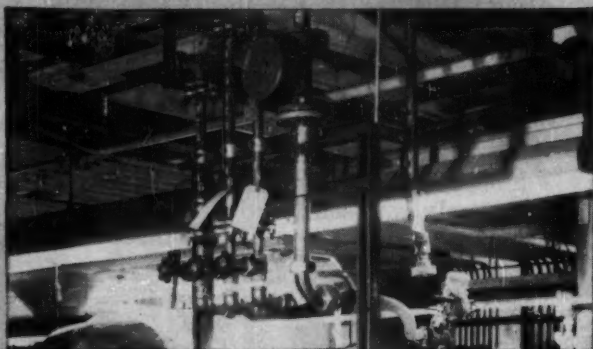
1 Polished sanitary type stainless steel fittings are used here in liquid transfer lines to a filling machine.



2 Tri-Clover stainless steel conical end fittings are used here in processing Pyrogen-free distilled water.



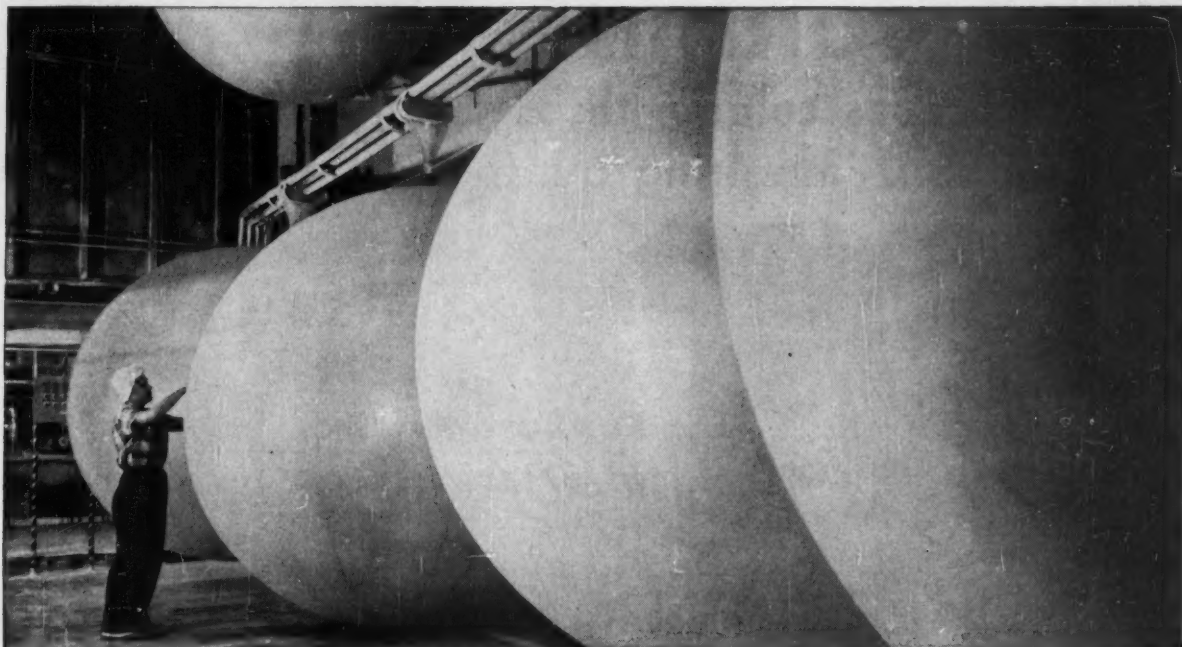
3 View shows Tri-Clover conical end, sanitary, industrial welding and Tri-Clamp fittings utilized in several different liquid transfer lines.



4 Here are liquid conveying lines to filling machines, utilizing Tri-Clover conical end, sanitary, and I.P.S. screwed stainless steel fittings.

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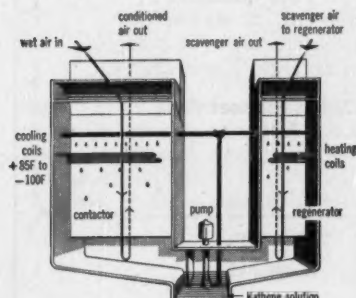
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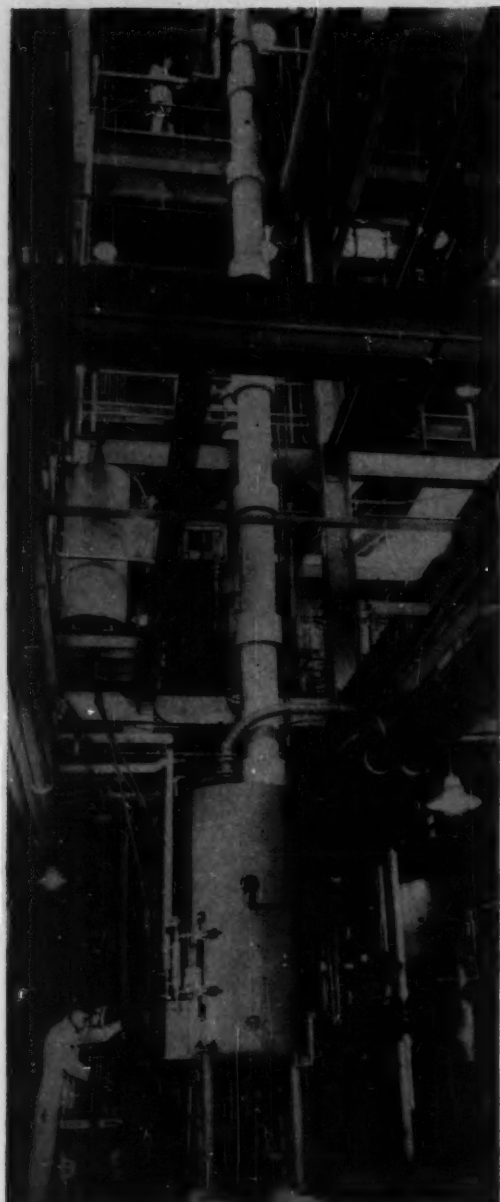
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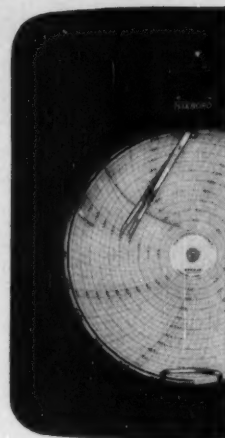


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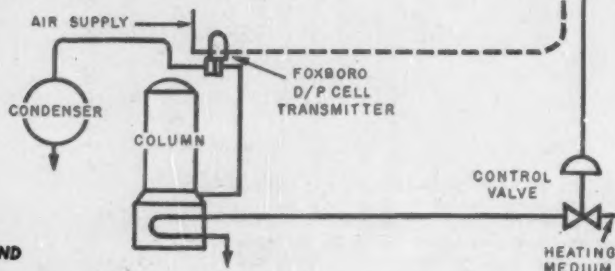


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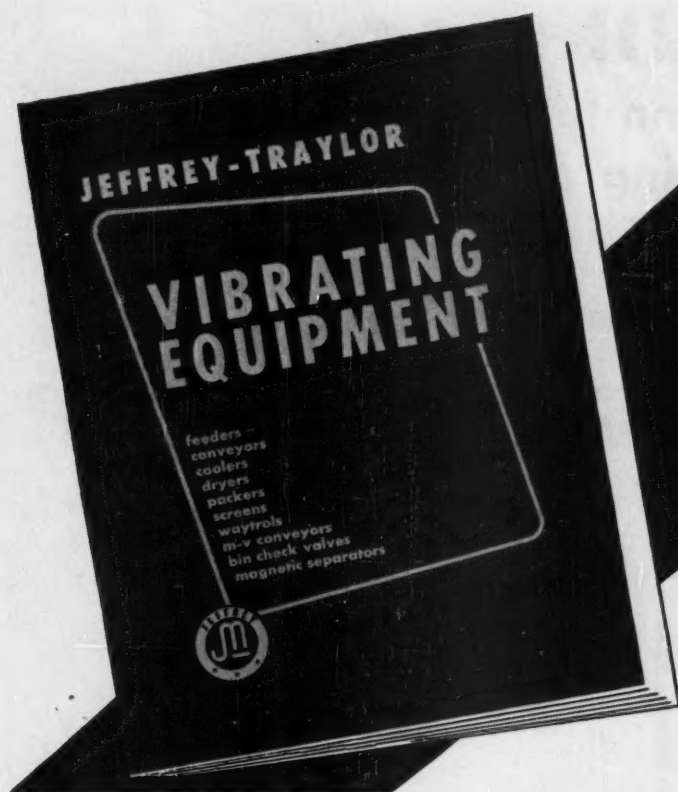
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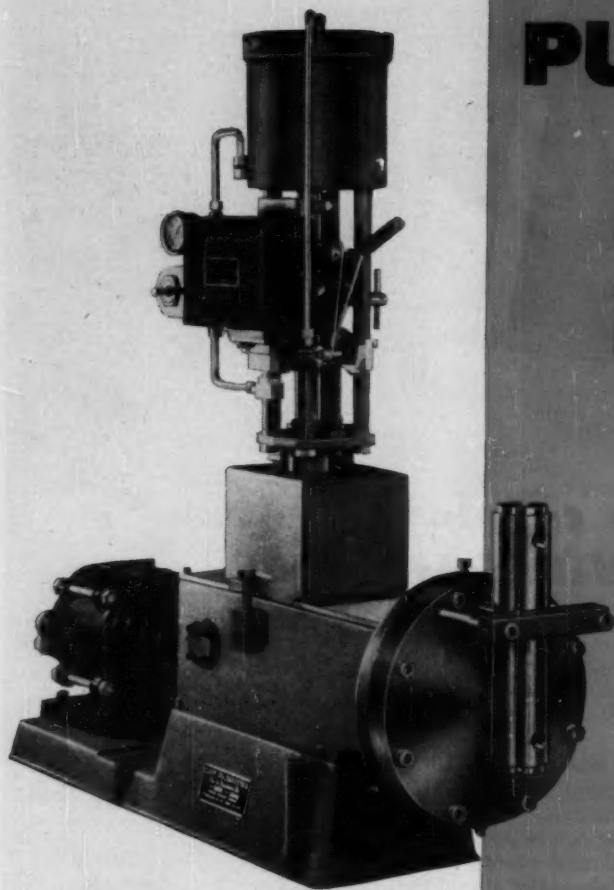
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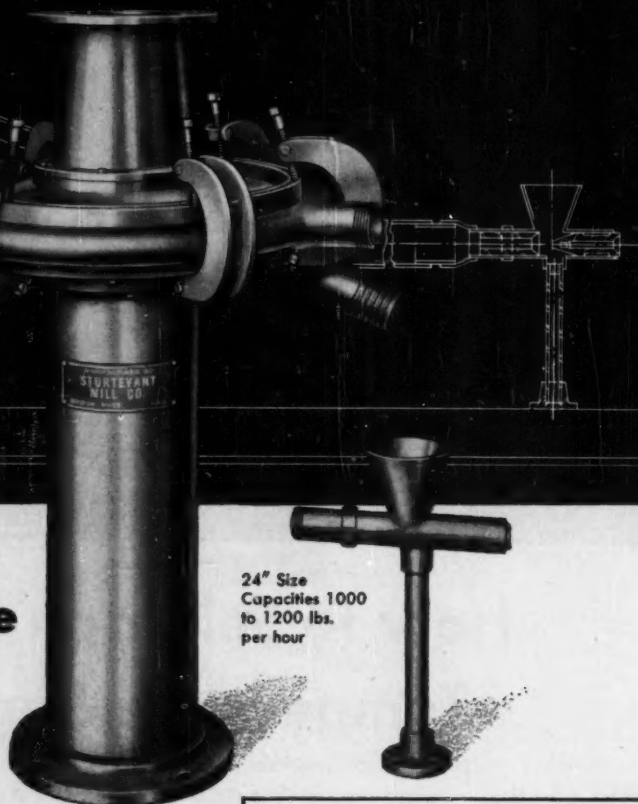
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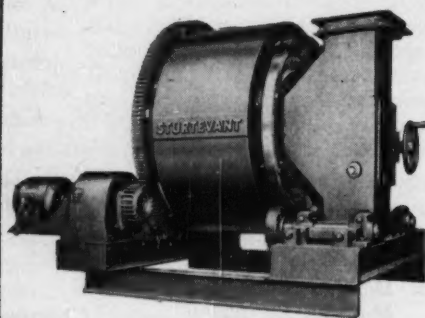
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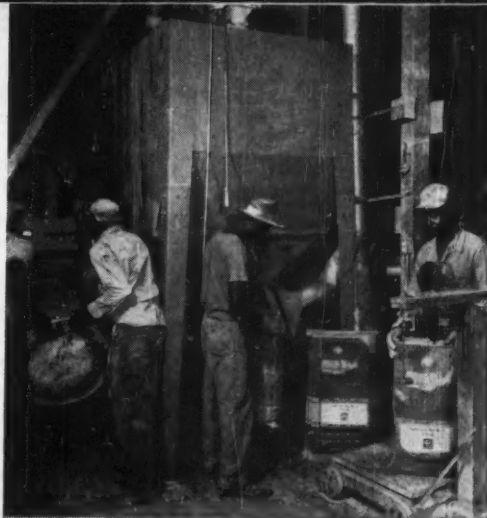
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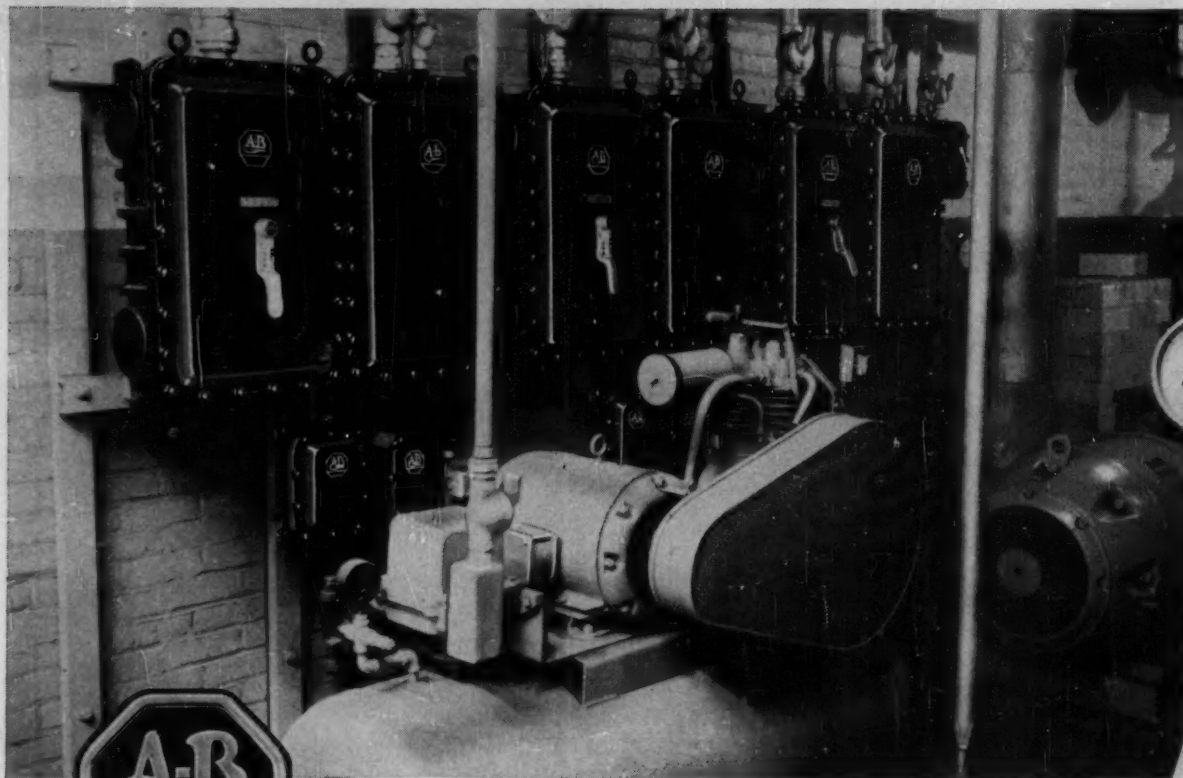


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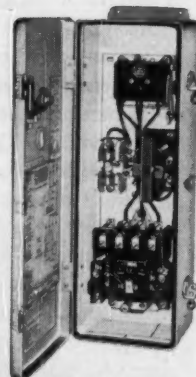
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The unusual flexibility of the Pluronics make them especially interesting . . . it is possible to prepare a Pluronic to meet any requirement of molecular weight or hydrophilic-hydrophobic balance, within the established range.

### What's different about them?

The Pluronics are the first commercial example of a block-polymer-type surface-active agent . . . made from a hydrophobic polyoxypropylene base with hydrophilic polyoxyethylene groups attached to either end. This use of polyoxypropylene as the hydrophobic portion of the molecule is unique, the secret being to build a polyoxypropylene chain long enough to be water insoluble. The hydrophobic base may be varied in molecular weight, and any percentage of the hydrophilic groups can be added. The Pluronics range in molecular weight from 1800 to 8000. This compares with the usual range in molecular weight for surface-active agents of from 300 to 700.

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## What about formulating?

Pluronics are easy to formulate . . . you can choose from liquid, paste, flake, powder or solid-cast. Liquid Pluronics can be spray-blended by special spray systems, an ordinary sprinkling can, or nail-punctured drums suspended above mixing apparatus. Pluronics blend easily with common builders; permit you to compound a quality product using only solid materials.

## Where are Pluronics used?

The Pluronics are already in commercial use in water conditioning, in the manufacture of viscose rayon and cellophane, in dye leveling, shampoos, boiler-water compounds, mechanical - dishwashing compounds, home and laundry detergents, and in metal-cleaning formulations. Promising new applications are being reported continually. The Pluronics have a wide range of characteristics. For example, L62 is a good wetting agent . . . F68 is an excellent dispersing agent . . . L64 combines a balance of wetting, dispersing and emulsifying characteristics that make it exceptionally effective as a detergent. These characteristics give the Pluronics unique advantages over other surface-active agents. They merit your full and careful evaluation. Brief summaries of a few of their uses are given here.

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### *Flexibility of Pluronics helpful in metal cleaning*

The field of metal cleaning is unusually complex, due to the many variables in the type of cleaning, the types of metals to be cleaned, types of soil to be removed, and the processing that metals are to receive after cleaning. Most metal-cleaning operations, therefore, require a cleaning compound designed to fit the particular process.

The Pluronics have proved especially valuable in metal-cleaning formulations for a number of reasons.

Most important, perhaps, is their exceptional flexibility. With the Pluronics, you can tailor the product to meet your precise needs.

The Pluronics are stable and effective over the entire range of pH, in both acid and alkaline solutions. The suds range of the Pluronics is wide — from no foam to moderate foam. You can choose a Pluronic, or combination of the Pluronics, with the exact sudsing characteristics you require. Another important benefit: in electrocleaning, the controlled sudsing properties of the Pluronics preclude excessive hydrogen entrapment and reduce explosion hazards.

Test the Pluronics thoroughly . . . use the coupon for more information.

### *The Pluronics control suds in laundry detergents*

Large-scale makers of laundry detergents have recently introduced compounds containing one or more of the Pluronics. Why? Because they found that the Pluronics, with their over-all balance of desirable properties, are the most versatile agents of their type available today.

Some of these properties are: controlled sudsing, ease of formulation, stability in solution, compatibility with a wide variety of materials, high detergency, and *permanent* dedusting effect with no moisture pickup.

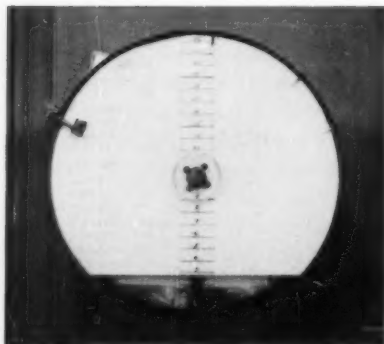
Pluronics' inherent flexibility makes it easy to formulate compounds with optimum characteristics. Suds level, carbon soil removal and whiteness retention can be varied easily to suit particular requirements.

Perhaps the Pluronics could give your product the same market advantage. Why not investigate today?

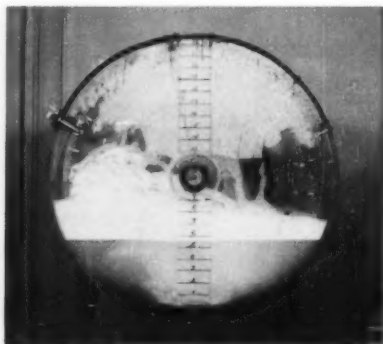
### *Pluronics important in water treatment*

Commercial usage by major producers of boiler-water compounds has proved the Pluronics to be one of the most valuable recent developments in the industry.

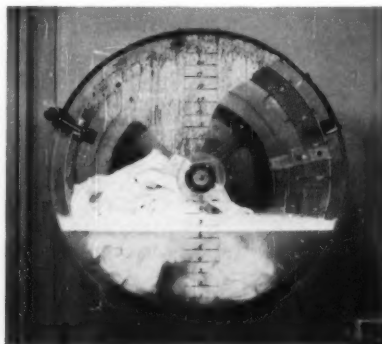
#### Compare suds levels of home detergents



*High-sudsing property of typical popular detergent.*



*Action of low- or "controlled-sudsing" popular detergent.*



*Very low sudsing of new detergent containing Pluronics.*

There are two main reasons for this: 1) their foam depressing characteristics, and 2) their exceptionally effective dispersing power for calcium and magnesium salts. Other properties of the Pluronics that have proved beneficial in boiler-water treatment, as well as in some water-conditioning applications, are: their compatibility and stability with acid or alkali solutions over a wide temperature range, and their unusually low order of toxicity.

Are these *your* requirements for a surface-active agent? . . . for more information, use coupon below.

## ***Pluronics improve mechanical-dishwashing compounds***

Nowhere have the Pluronics played a more dramatic role than in the mechanical-dishwashing field. Here they found an almost immediate acceptance, due to their unique combination of desirable properties. The most important are:

1. An ability to eliminate staining and streaking usually caused by improper rinsing.
2. Exceptional low-foaming properties.
3. Better, more permanent dedusting effect than other surface-active agents.
4. No increase in the hygroscopicity of the compound.

No other single nonionic surfactant can duplicate this unique combination of desirable properties. Formulators using the Pluronics in their mechanical-dishwashing compounds have a distinct product advantage — a product advantage that pays off in a distinct sales advantage.

If you manufacture mechanical-dishwashing products, you should investigate the Pluronics thoroughly . . . use coupon below for further information.

## **What about stability?**

The Pluronics are stable in both acid and alkaline solutions, even at elevated temperatures. Moreover, their surface-active properties remain relatively constant over the entire range of pH. Since the Pluronics are not precipitated by calcium or magnesium ions, their detergency performance in formulated products remains relatively uniform, regardless of the water hardness.

## **What about sudsing?**

The Pluronics series offers a wide range of foaming properties, enabling you to choose a particular Pluronic with exactly the sudsing characteristics you require. Pluronics L61 and L62 are essentially non-foaming, generating less foam than any other commercially available surfactant.

Pluronics L64 and L68 generate moderate foams, making them particularly useful in those applications where foam is desirable.

Pluronic L61 can be used effectively to depress the foam of any of the other Pluronics.

## **What about dispersing power?**

Pluronic F68 and Pluronic L64 are exceptionally effective dispersing agents for calcium and magnesium salts. The Pluronics, by keeping these inorganic salts in suspension, reduce the amount of adherent hard water deposits in boilers and pipes when used in water-treating compounds. The use of the Pluronics also renders the scale that does precipitate softer and more easily removed, due to the Pluronics' rewetting effect.

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## What about rinsability?

The Pluronics provide maximum effectiveness as rinsing agents, in proportions as low as 2%. Laboratory evaluations, field tests and established commercial usage have shown the Pluronics to be superior in the promotion of free-rinsing — especially valuable in the mechanical-dishwashing field.

Staining and streaking due to improper rinsing have been decreased by as much as 90% by the inclusion of a very small amount of the Pluronics in mechanical-dishwashing compounds.

## What about dedusting?

The dedusting effect of the Pluronics is much more permanent than that of many other surface-active agents, yet products incorporating the Pluronics remain free-flowing.

The liquid Pluronics, even at concentrations as low as 0.5% by dry weight of the formulation, are effective dedusting agents. They dedust not only during the compounding operations themselves, but also the finished product.

Compounders report that many dedusting agents lose their effectiveness after a period of time, whereas the use of half as much Pluronics gives effective permanent dedusting. This superiority is believed to be due to the much higher molecular weight of the Pluronics. They have no tendency to migrate.

## What about hygroscopicity?

One of the problems of using anionic surface-active agents is the rapid increase of hygroscopicity in pro-

portion to active-agent content. This hygroscopicity is also quite apparent in many of the nonionics.

An unusual feature of the Pluronics is their low order of hygroscopicity. Not only are the Pluronics relatively nonhygroscopic themselves, but they actually decrease the hygroscopicity of other components of formulations in which they are used.

## For samples and more information . . .

The Pluronics make it easy to formulate products with optimum characteristics, products that are completely dust-free, non-caking, and exceptionally free-flowing, products with distinct advantages over competition. Evaluate them as a basis for an entirely new approach in formulating . . . the Pluronics may be the key to compounding concepts that open up new avenues of progress for your company. *But only a thorough evaluation can give you the full scope of the Pluronics' benefits.* For samples of the Pluronics, data sheets summarizing their physical and surface-active properties, and other technical and price information — call your Wyandotte representative or mail the coupon today. *Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation, Wyandotte, Michigan. Offices in principal cities.*



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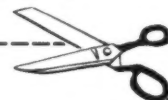
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**Capital Spending Plans for 1955 . . .**

# Here is Good News About Business Prospects

In 1955, American industry is now planning to spend within 5 per cent of the amount it is spending this year on new plant and equipment. This is the tensely awaited result of a check-up just completed by the McGraw-Hill Department of Economics.

Hundreds of companies, by far the largest number in the eight-year history of these McGraw-Hill surveys, cooperated in the check-up. Combined, they represent 29 per cent of all industrial employment and over 60 per cent of employment in the industries where capital investment is highest. Such a broad cross section constitutes

a reliable gauge of the plans of industry as a whole.

What is the meaning of these plans, detailed by the table below, for capital investment next year? Is it good or bad news, so far as it concerns the prospect of continuing prosperity? It is to this crucial question that this editorial is addressed.

## Key to Prosperity

It is not only good but very important business news that American industry plans to spend in 1955 almost as much for new plant and equipment as it is spending this year. The reason it is important is that a high level of activity in the capital goods industries is universally recognized as a particularly potent ingredient of prosperity for the nation as a whole. A dollar spent for capital goods is spent again and again for wages and materials. Its stimulating effects, called by economists multiplying effects, move through the economy in much the same way that a pebble tossed into a pond creates a widening circle of ripples. This is one reason why there is such intense business interest in the surveys of plans for capital investment.

Here are the principal reasons why the results of the McGraw-Hill survey are a good omen for continuing prosperity:

**PLANS FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT**

	MILLIONS OF DOLLARS			Percent Change 1954- 1955
	1953 ACTUAL*	1954 ESTIMATED*	1955 PLANNED	
All Manufacturing	\$10,026	\$ 9,249	\$ 8,598	-7%
Petroleum Industry†	4,600	4,875	4,920	+1
Mining	506	380	311	-18
Railroads	1,312	851	769	-10
Other Transportation and Communications	2,954	2,922	2,640	-10
Electric and Gas Utilities	4,548	4,274	4,206	-2
ALL INDUSTRY	23,271	21,784	20,727	-5

\*United States Department of Commerce; Chase National Bank; McGraw-Hill Department of Economics

†Petroleum refining, included under both "All Manufacturing" and "Petroleum Industry," is included only once in the total

**1. American industry is demonstrating that it does not need the stimulus of war-created shortages, or a rearmament boom, in order to maintain a very high level of capital investment.**

The slight decrease now planned for 1955 will still maintain a level only about 11 percent below the all-time peak attained in 1953 under the stimulus of a defense expansion boom.

**2. Capital investment promises not merely to stabilize at a high level, but actually to increase as 1955 goes on and thus give renewed stimulus to business.**

The level of investment now planned for 1955 by *industry*—manufacturing, petroleum, mining, transportation, communications and utilities—is within 5 per cent of 1954. Contract awards for *commercial* construction—stores, office buildings, warehouses and other service establishments—as compiled by the McGraw-Hill publication *ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD*, indicate a substantial increase in 1955. Thus total capital expenditures by *all business* may be very close to this year's total.

Actually, in the fourth quarter of 1954, business capital expenditures, as reported to the U. S. Department of Commerce, are down about 2.5 per cent from the average for the year as a whole. So there is a good chance that during 1955 the annual rate of capital investment will rise above this present level.

## **Effect of Tax Changes**

The plans reported by the McGraw-Hill survey are preliminary plans, reported at the beginning of the period of business budgeting for 1955. As budgets are completed, new projects may bring the total expenditure that is planned even closer to this year's figure and thus make an even greater contribution to continuing prosperity.

But it also cannot be too strongly emphasized

that these are plans; they are not accomplished investments. As such they have the vulnerability to changed conditions that characterize any plans.

There is some indication in the results of the McGraw-Hill check-up that one change in conditions recently made by the United States government has had an important stimulating effect on plans for business investment next year. It is a liberalization of the allowances for depreciation. Apparently encouraged by this provision, most of the smaller companies are planning to maintain or increase their purchases of new equipment next year, whereas during the past three years their expenditures have been declining. This is obviously a development that strengthens our economy.

A government insensitive to the key importance of capital investment by business, both in providing prosperity and in raising our standard of living, might easily destroy the present plans. One of the easiest and surest means to do this is excessive taxation of business profits which are the key ingredient of business investment. Whether the extraordinarily constructive program recently enacted by the federal government in the field of business taxation can be sustained remains to be seen. **If it can be sustained, the remarkably cheering plans of business for capital investment in 1955 can readily become firm foundations for a continuing prosperity.**

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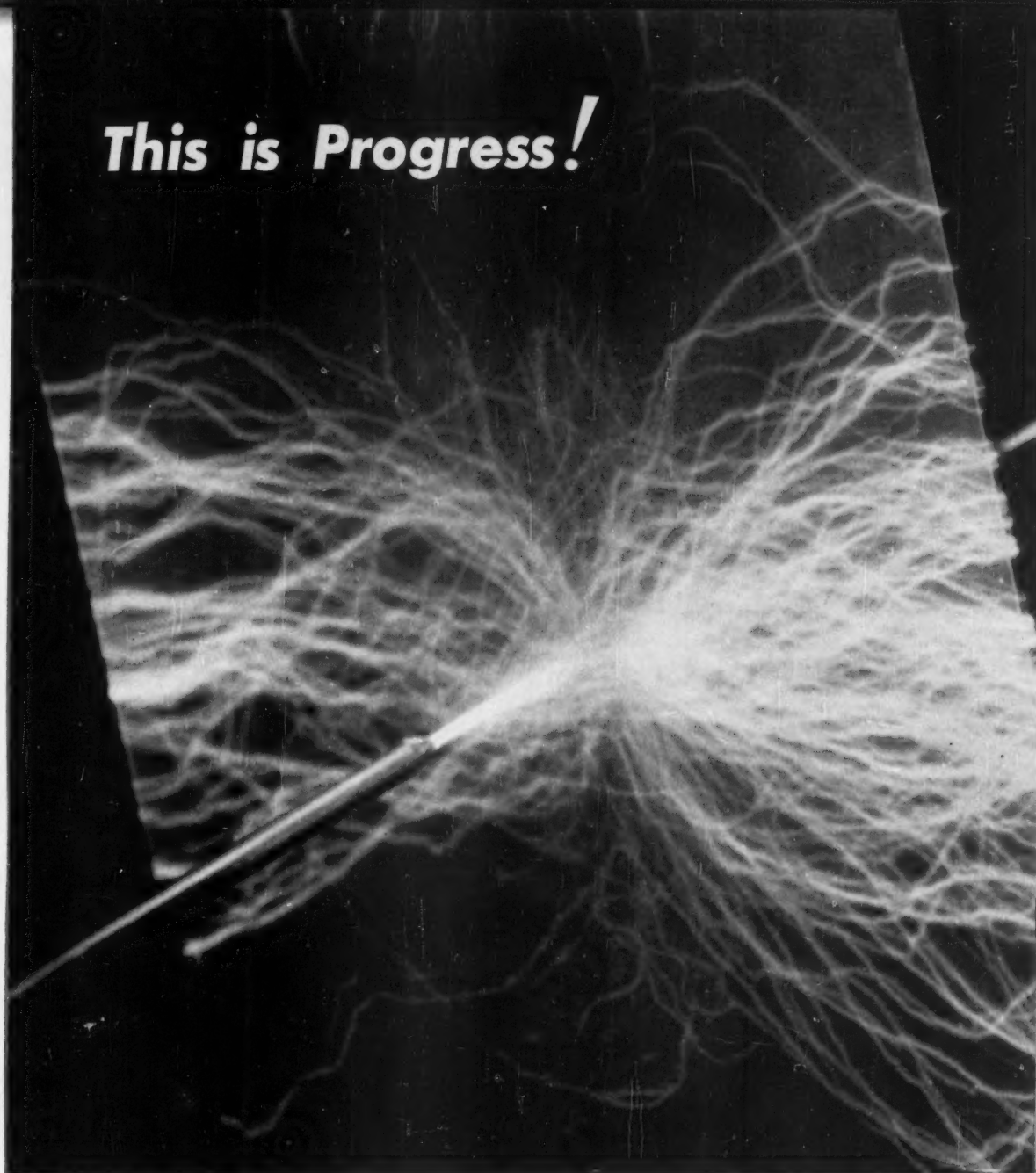
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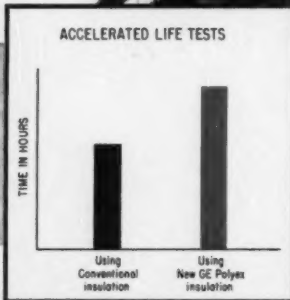
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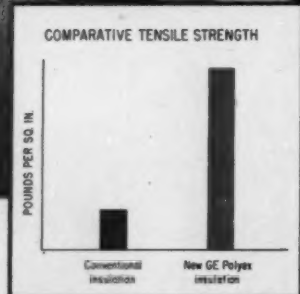
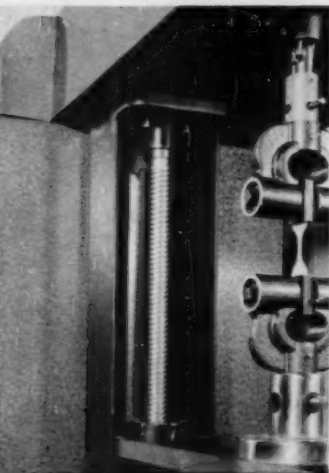
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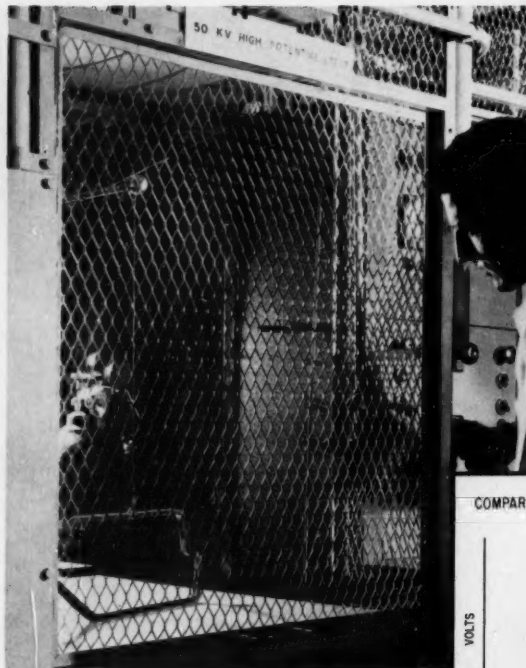
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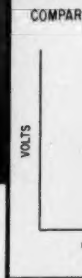
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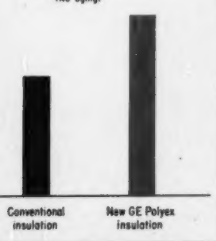
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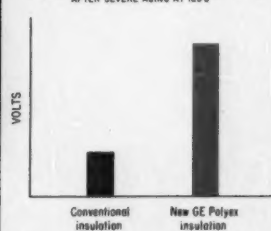


COMPARATIVE DIELECTRIC STRENGTH  
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**BAKED FOR THOUSANDS OF HOURS** at 125°C, Polyex insulation was tested again. It proved that it retains its higher physical and dielectric properties after heat aging.

COMPARATIVE DIELECTRIC STRENGTH  
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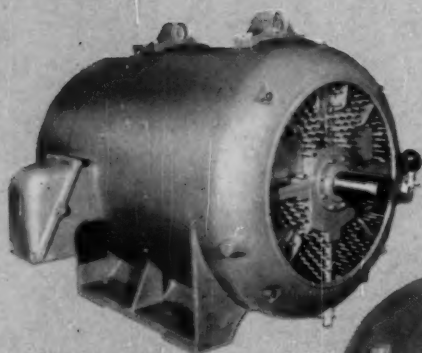


**IN SALT SOLUTION**, insulation's ability to resist contaminants was tested. Polyex-insulated coils were still operating long after conventional coils had failed.



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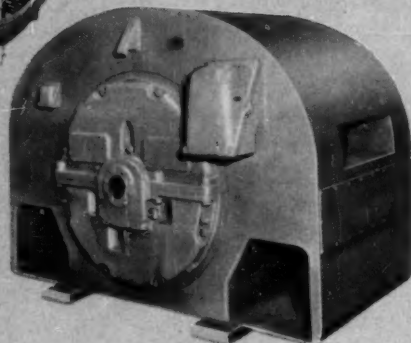
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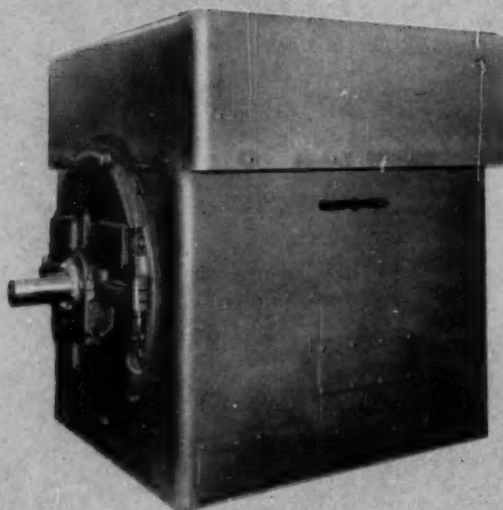


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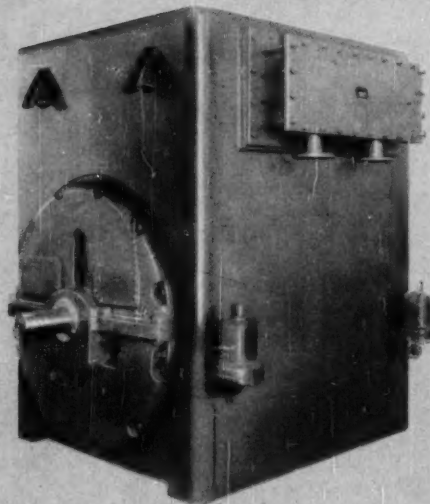


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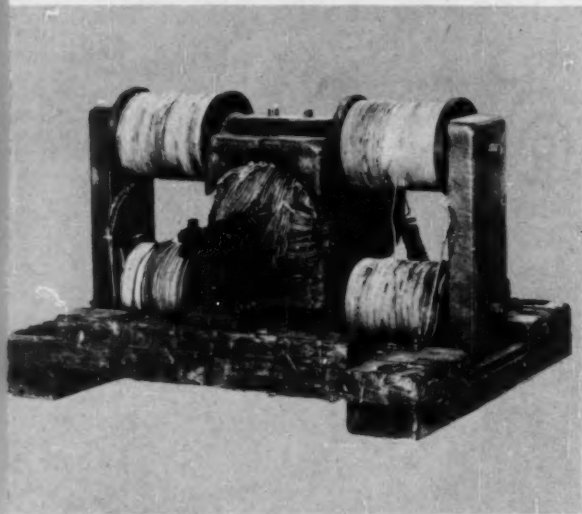


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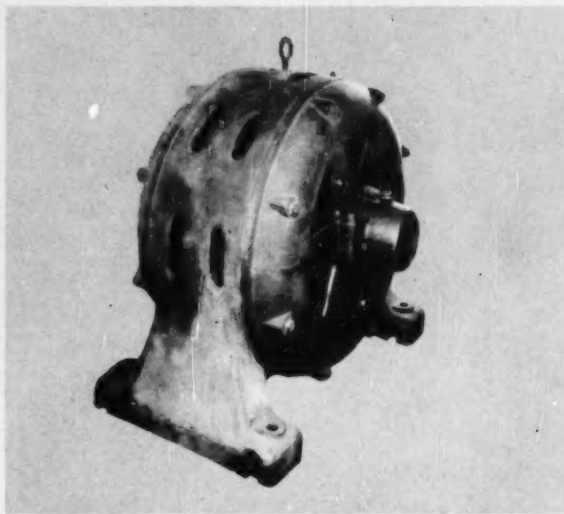


## THE THIRD MAJOR STEP IN THE EVOLUTION OF FORM-WOUND MOTOR INSULATION SYSTEMS



### 1878—FORM 1 INSULATION SYSTEM

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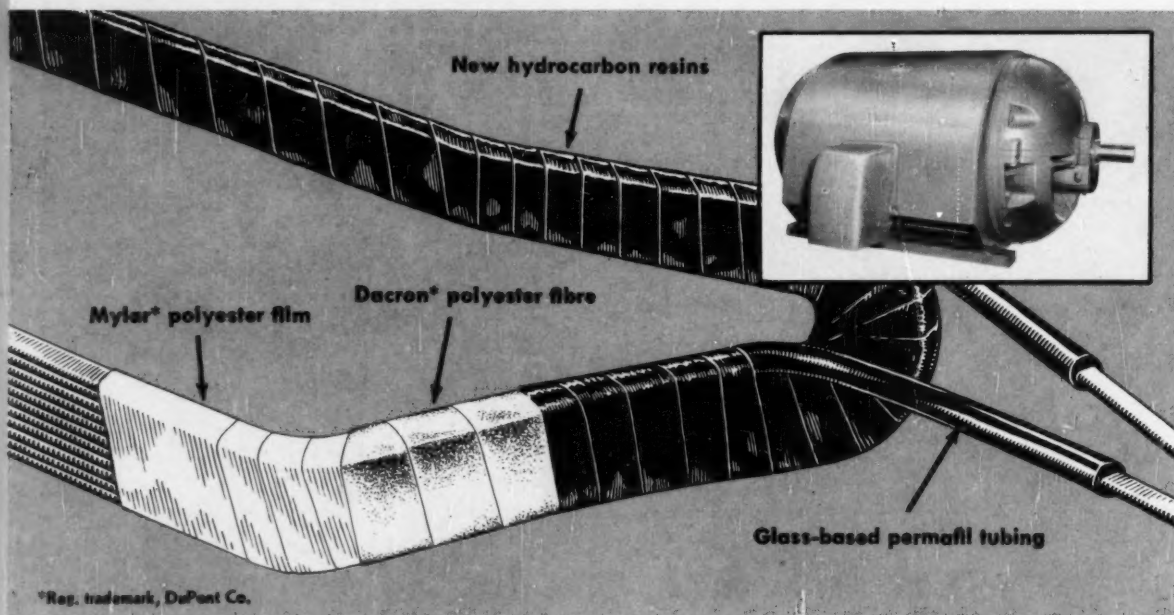


### 1910—FORM 2 INSULATION SYSTEMS ESTABLISHED

Linseed oil was added to cotton to provide insulating qualities. Since then, varnish and other insulating materials have replaced oil, but until now the basic concept has remained the same.

### 1954—G.E. INTRODUCES FIRST FORM 3 INSULATION SYSTEM

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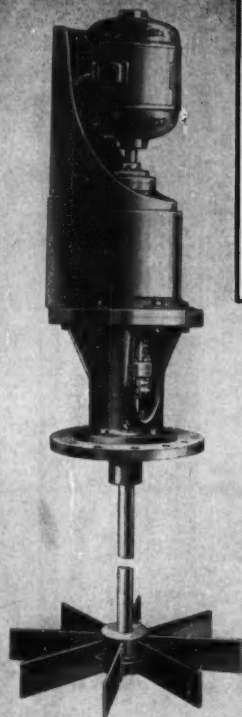
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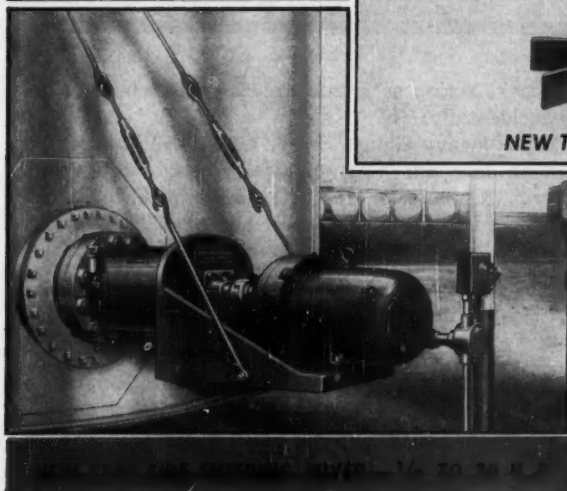


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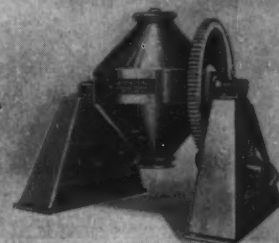
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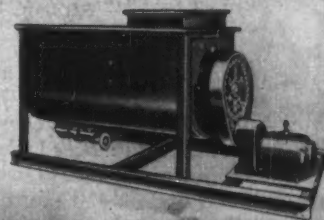
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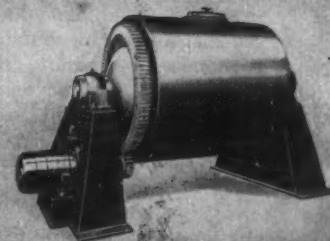
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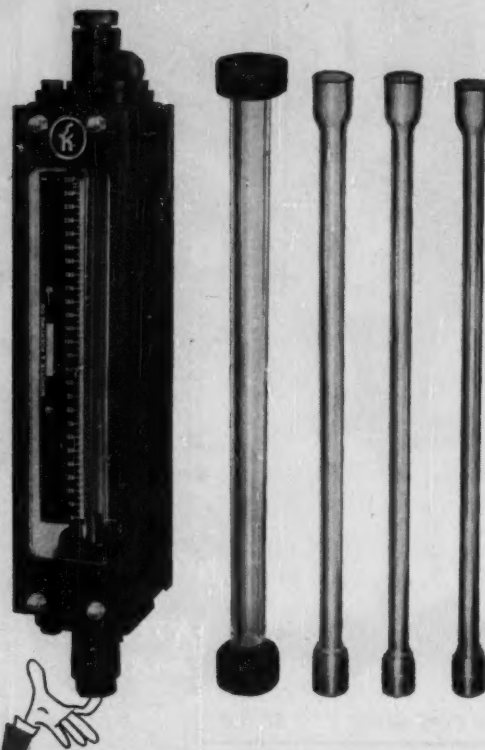
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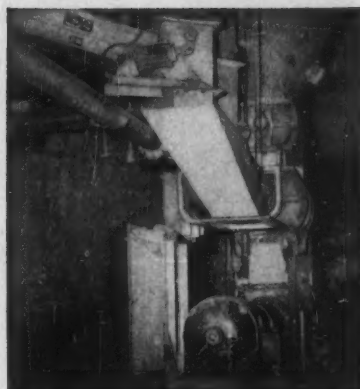
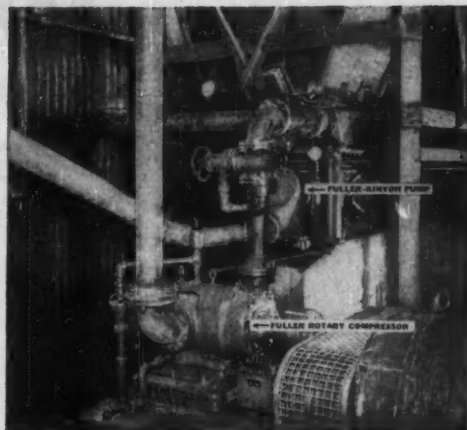
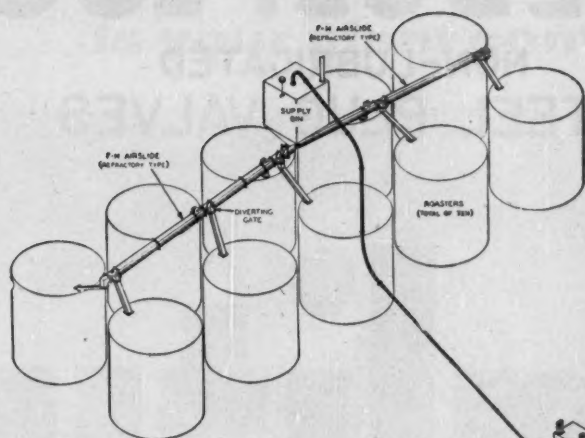


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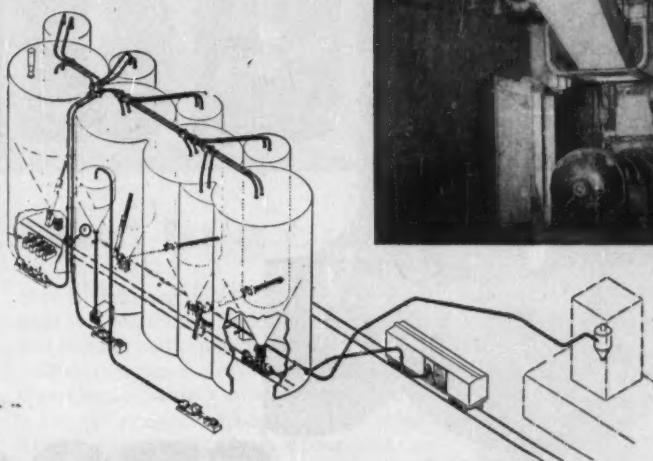
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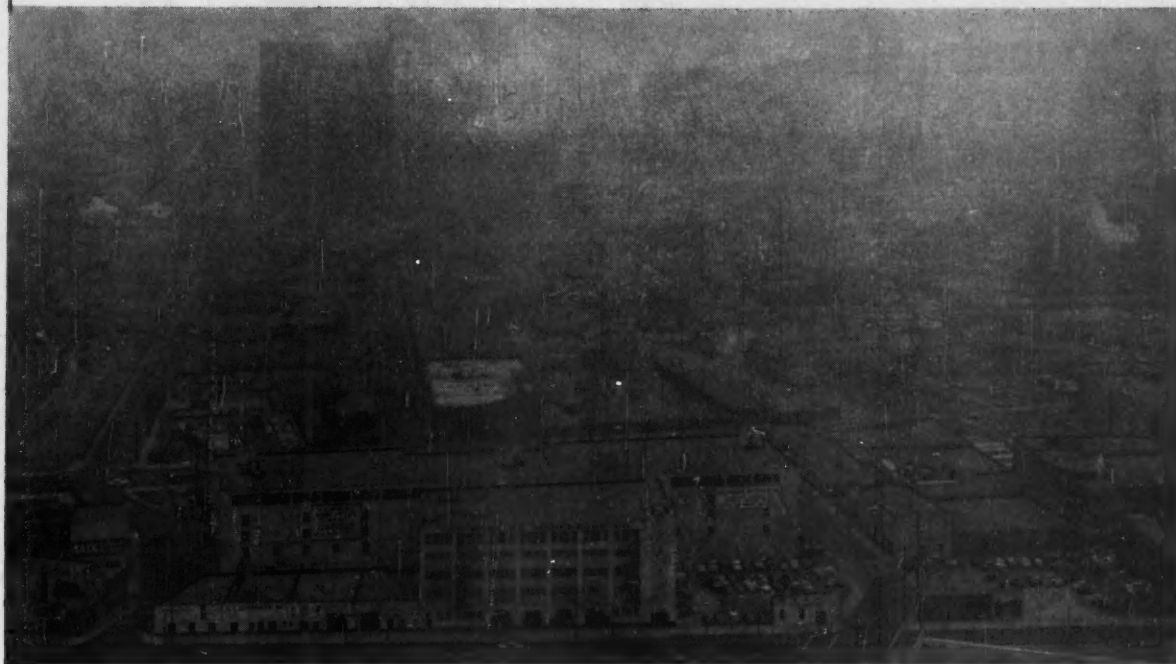
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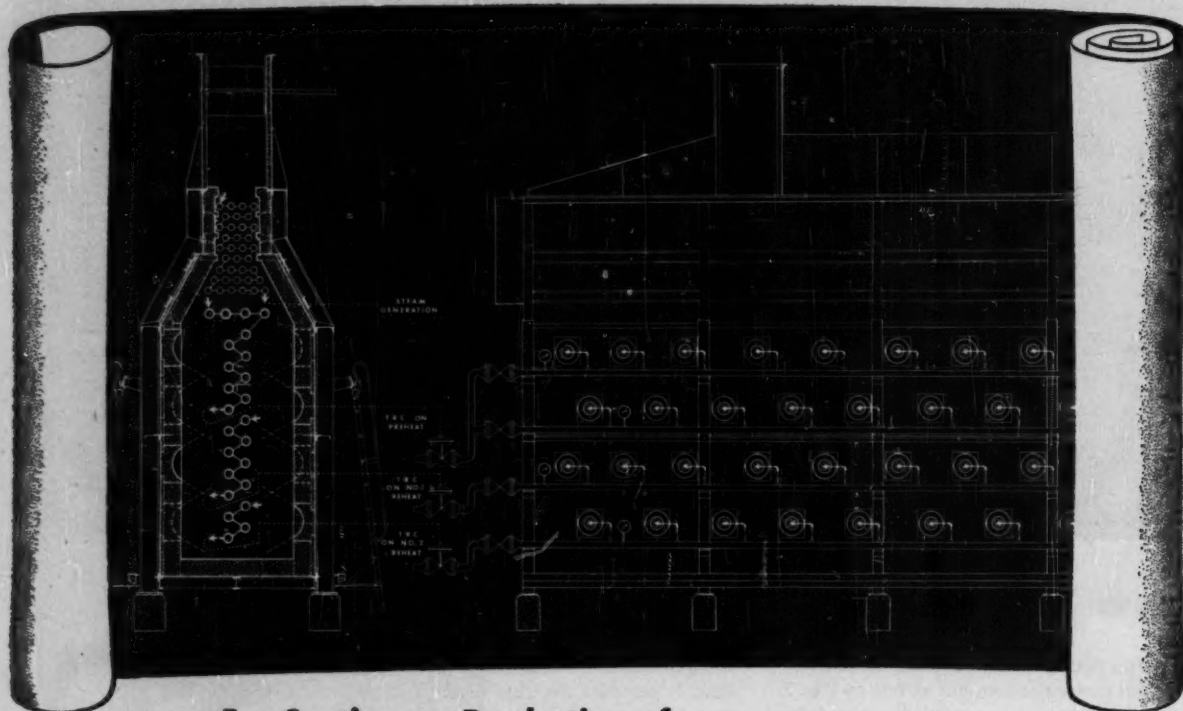
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true (specific gravity) . . . . . 2.1-2.2

pH . . . . . 7.2

Silica as SiO<sub>2</sub> (dry basis) . . . . . 99.5%

Oil adsorption . . . . . 240 lbs. oil/100 lbs. SiO<sub>2</sub>

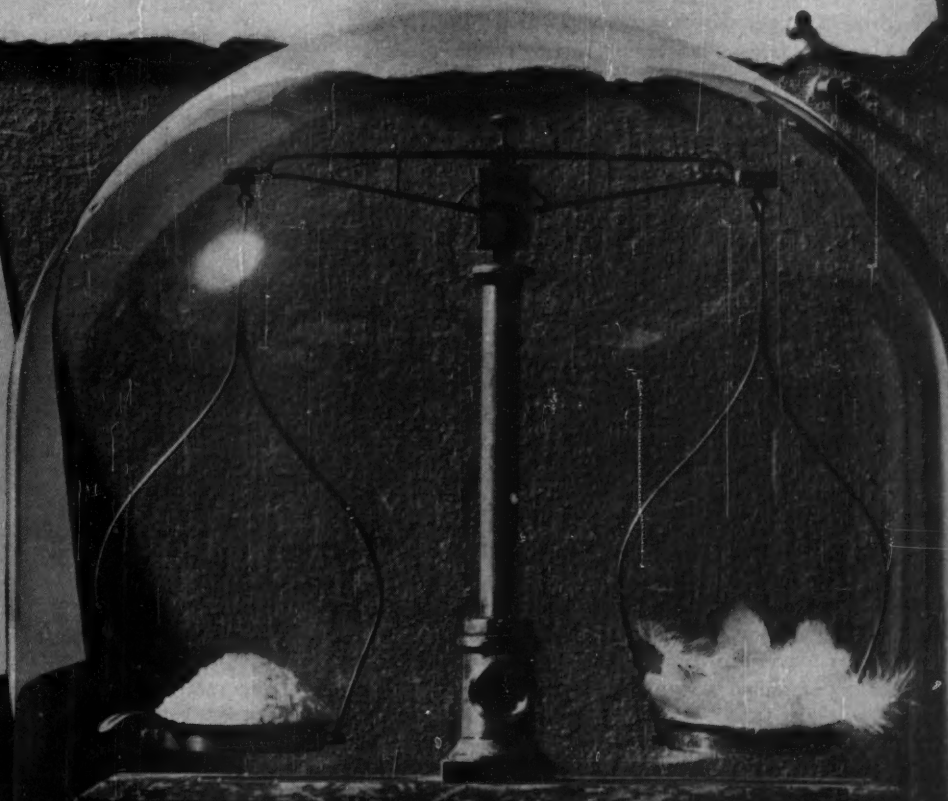
Surface area (nitrogen) . . . . . 292 M<sub>2</sub>/gram

#### PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION BY WEIGHT (water sedimentation)

5% less than 1.1 microns	
10	1.4
20	2.0
40	3.0
50	3.7
60	4.5
80	7.0

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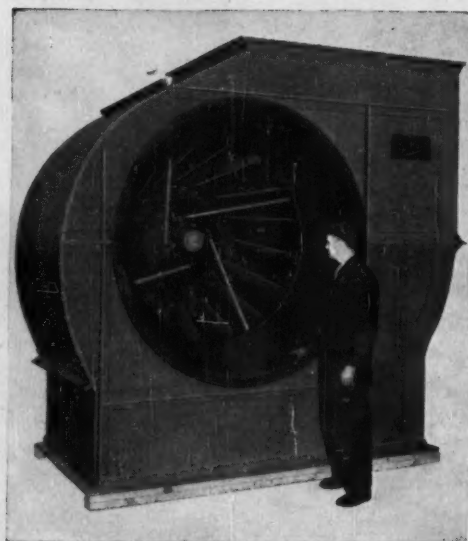
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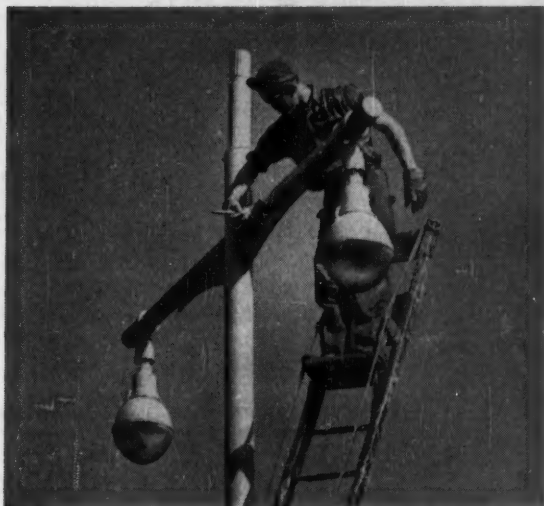
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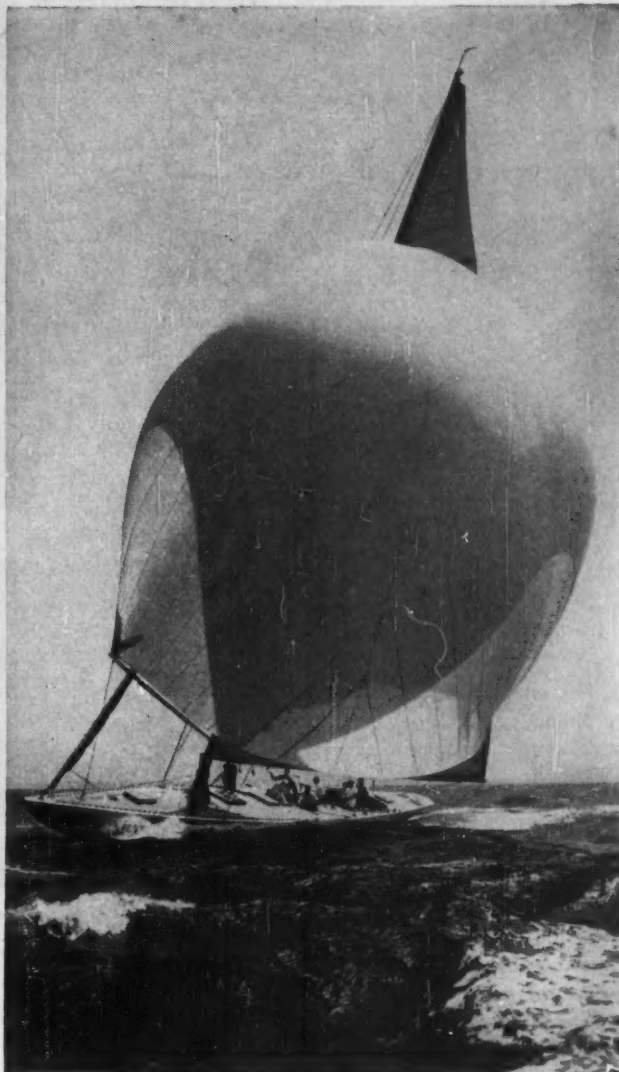
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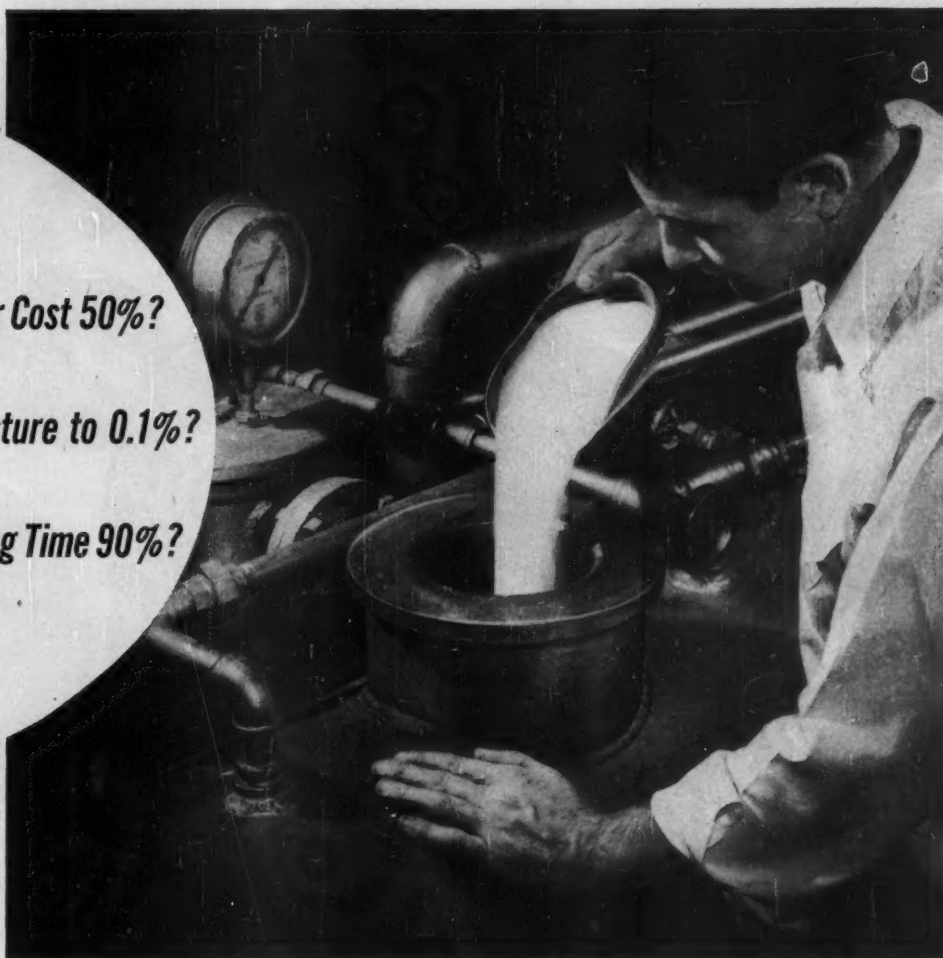
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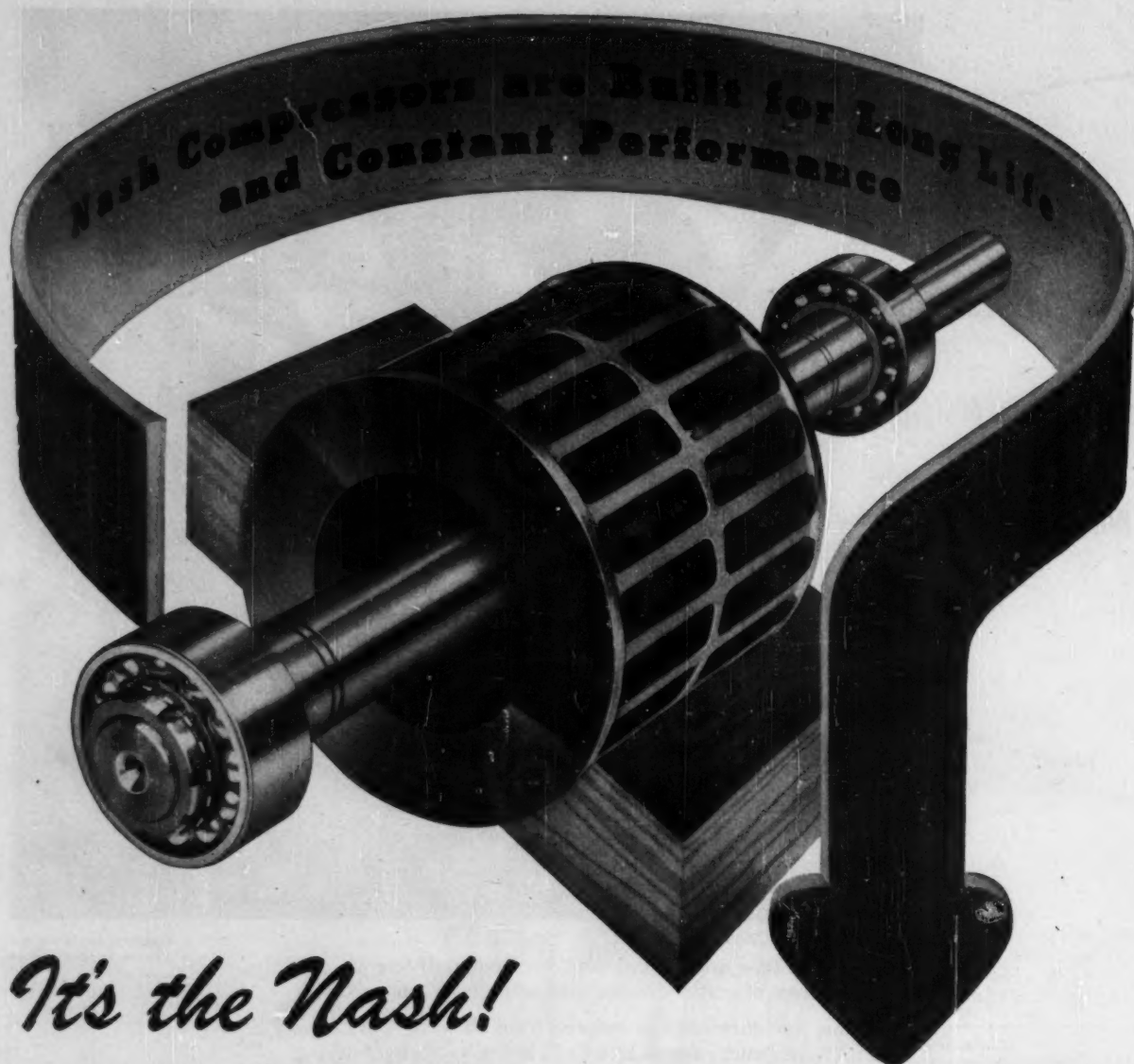
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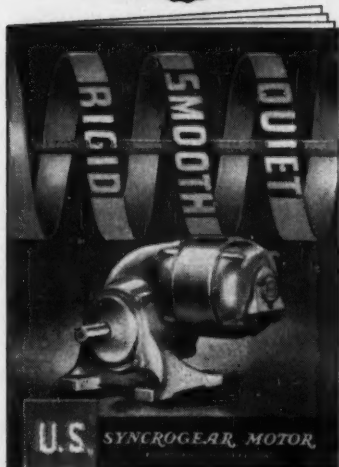


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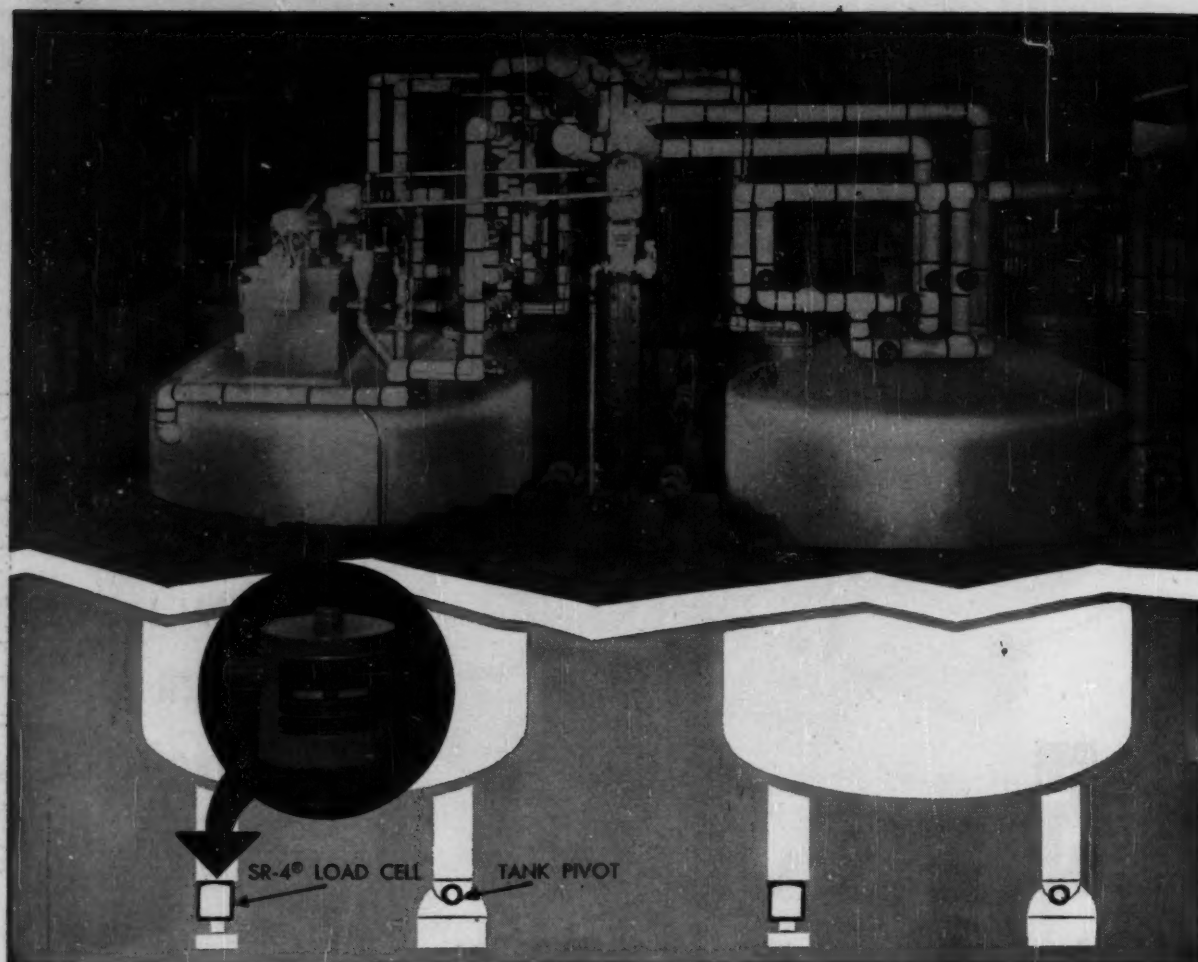
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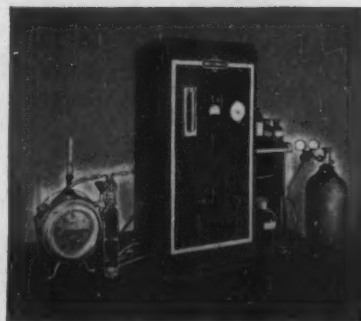
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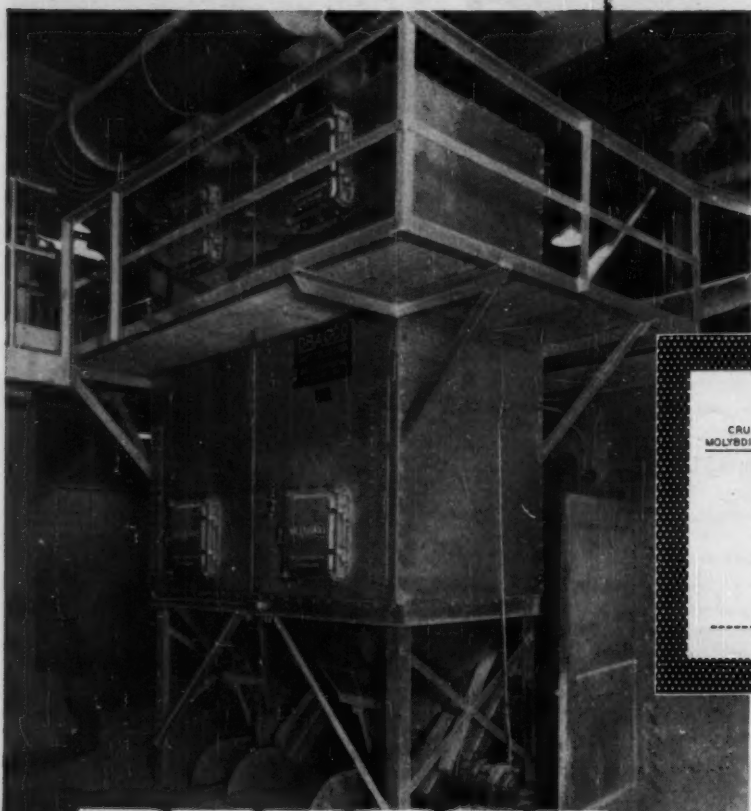
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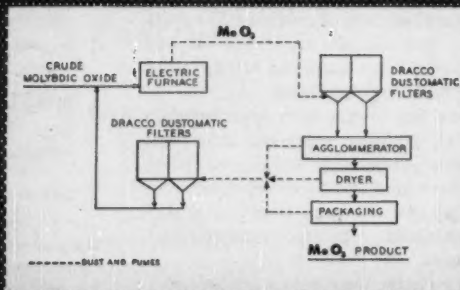
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Diagram shows how Dracco Dust Control Equipment is integrated with other processing equipment used by Climax in the manufacture of pure molybdenum trioxide.



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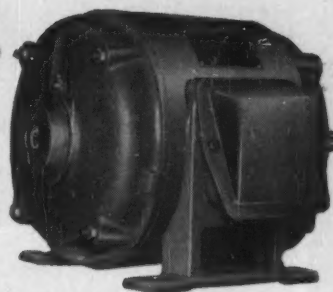
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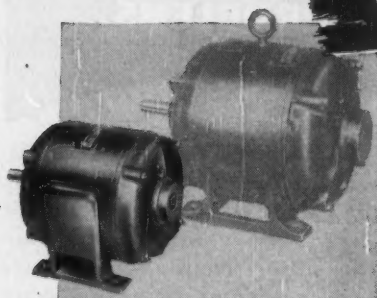
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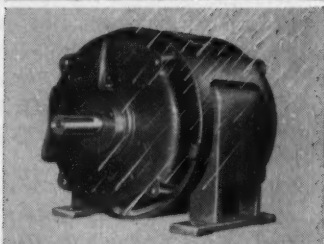
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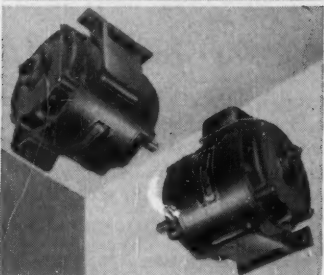
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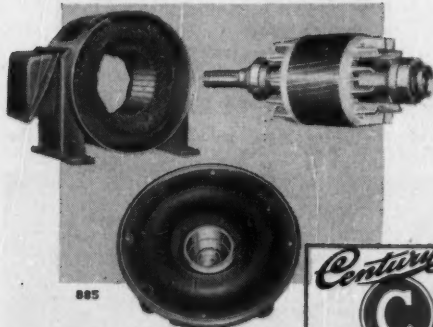
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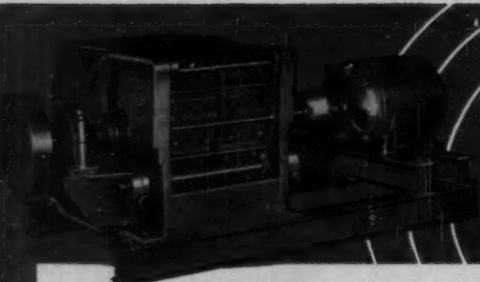
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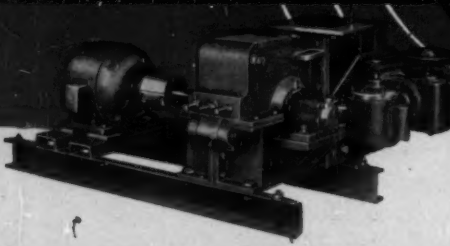
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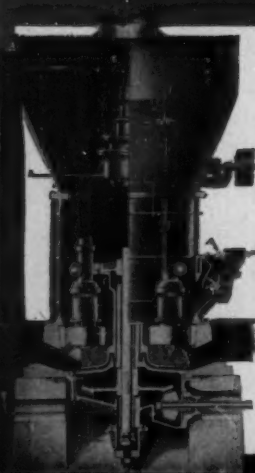
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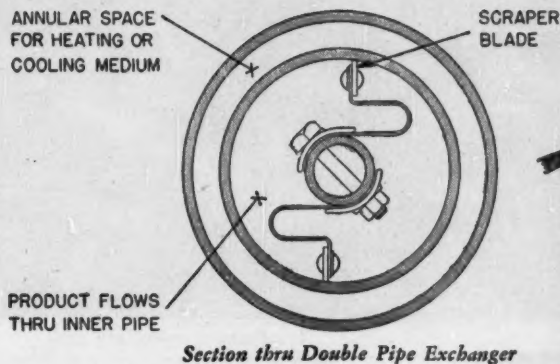
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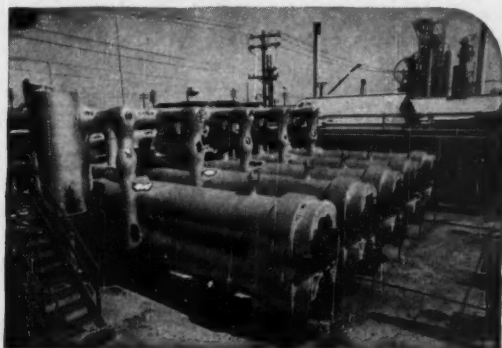
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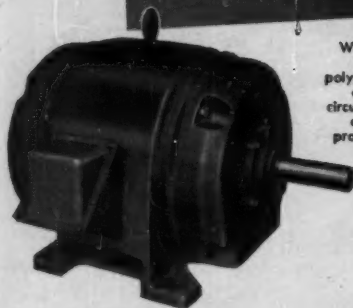
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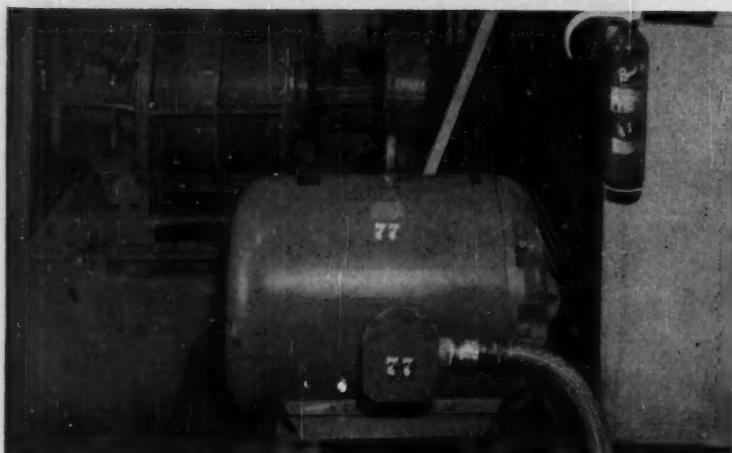
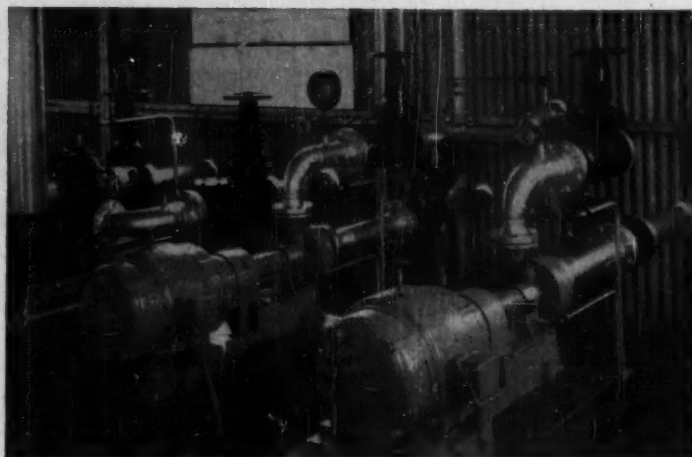
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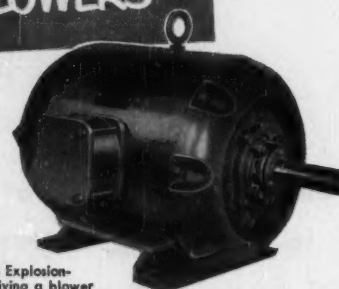
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Oil—inlet temp.—°F	700	700
Flue gas temp. to stack—°F	400	950
CO <sub>2</sub> to stack—%	10.0	11.0
O <sub>2</sub> to stack—%	5.2	3.7
EFF (assuming 5% radiation loss)—%	78.5	66.0
Millions of BTU required/hr	127.39	151.52
Annual cost of fuel (\$2.50/Bbl—8000 hrs)	\$392,000	\$466,200
Kilowatt-hours	80	
Annual cost of energy @ 1¢/kwh—8000 hrs	\$6,400	
Annual operating cost—fuel and energy—8000 hrs	\$398,400	\$466,200
Annual fuel savings	\$74,200	
Annual net savings in operating costs (fuel savings less energy costs)	\$67,800	

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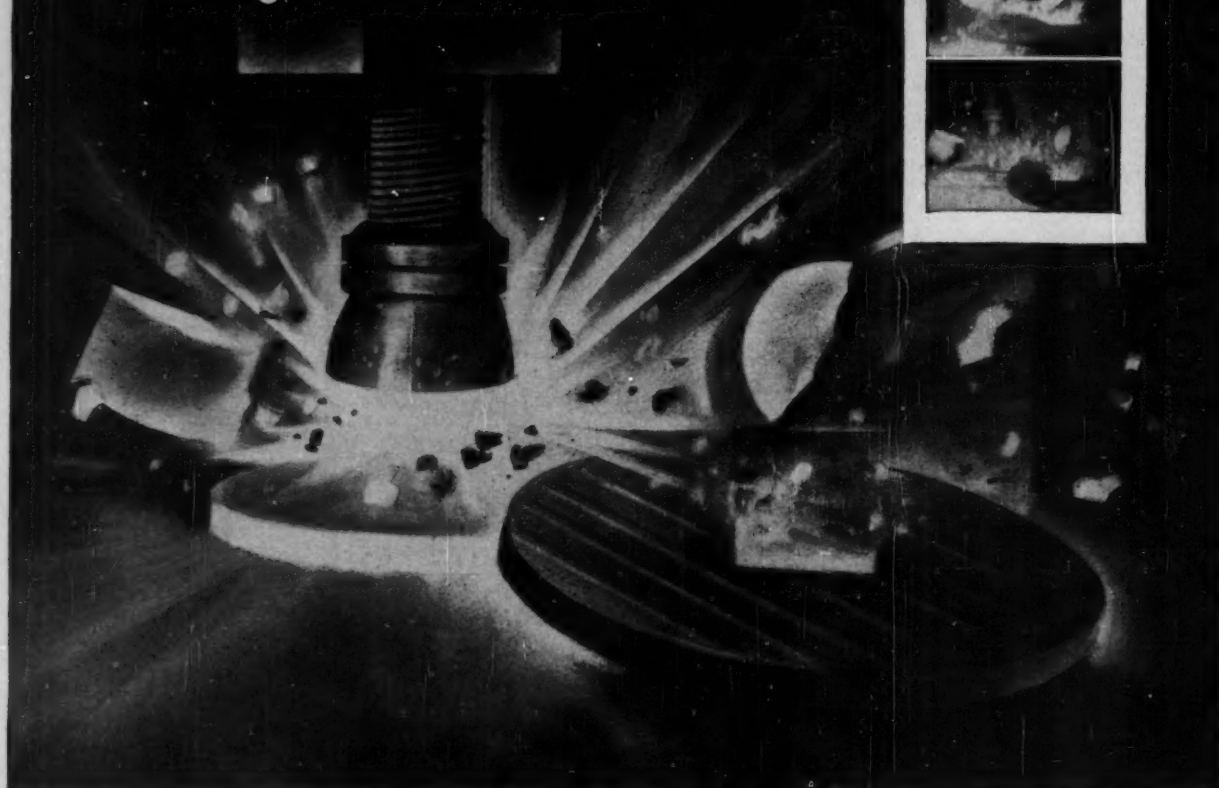
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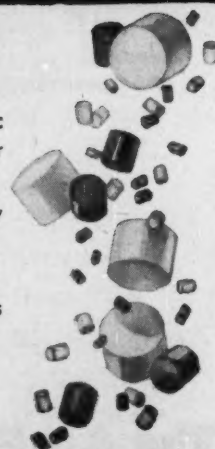
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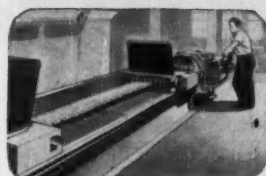
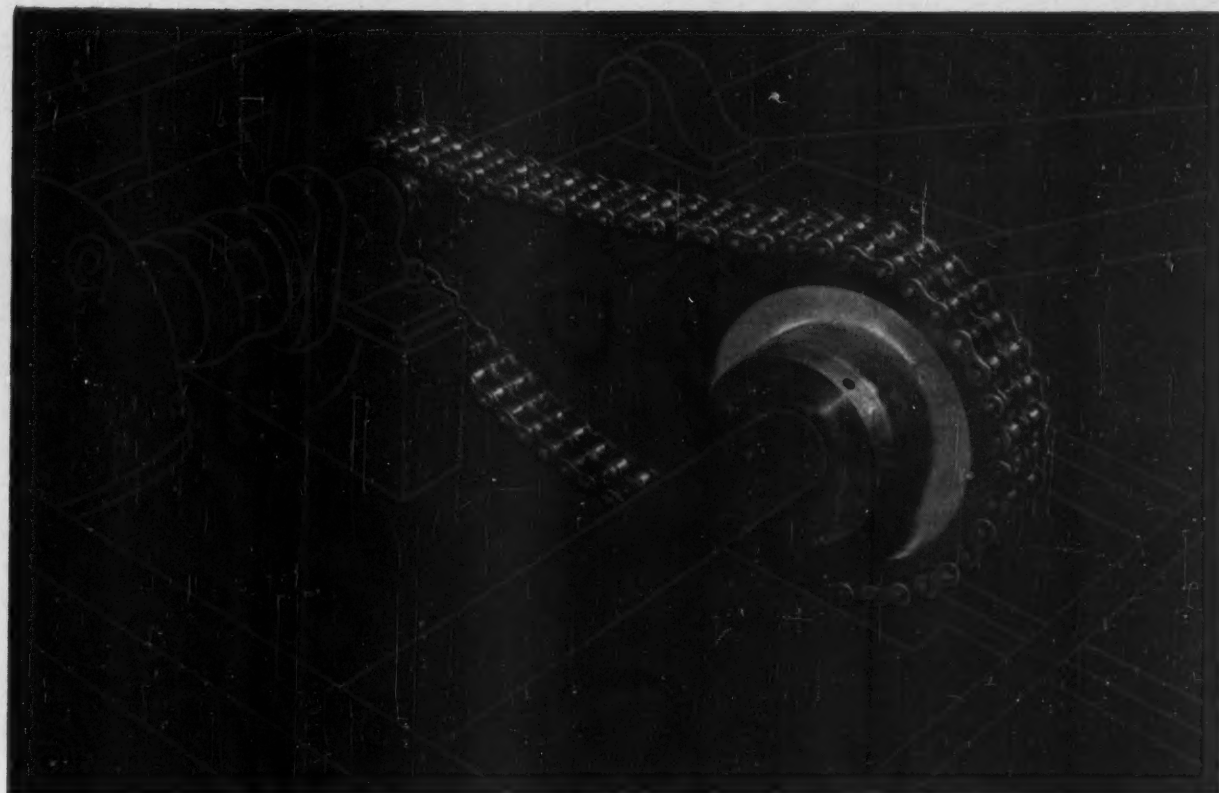
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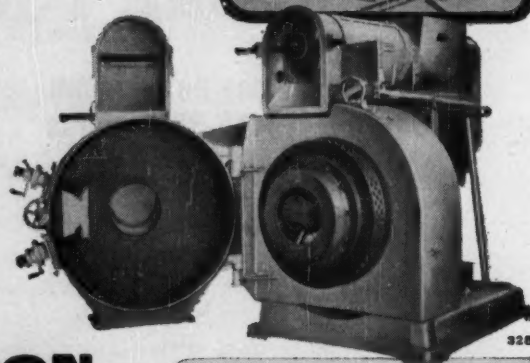


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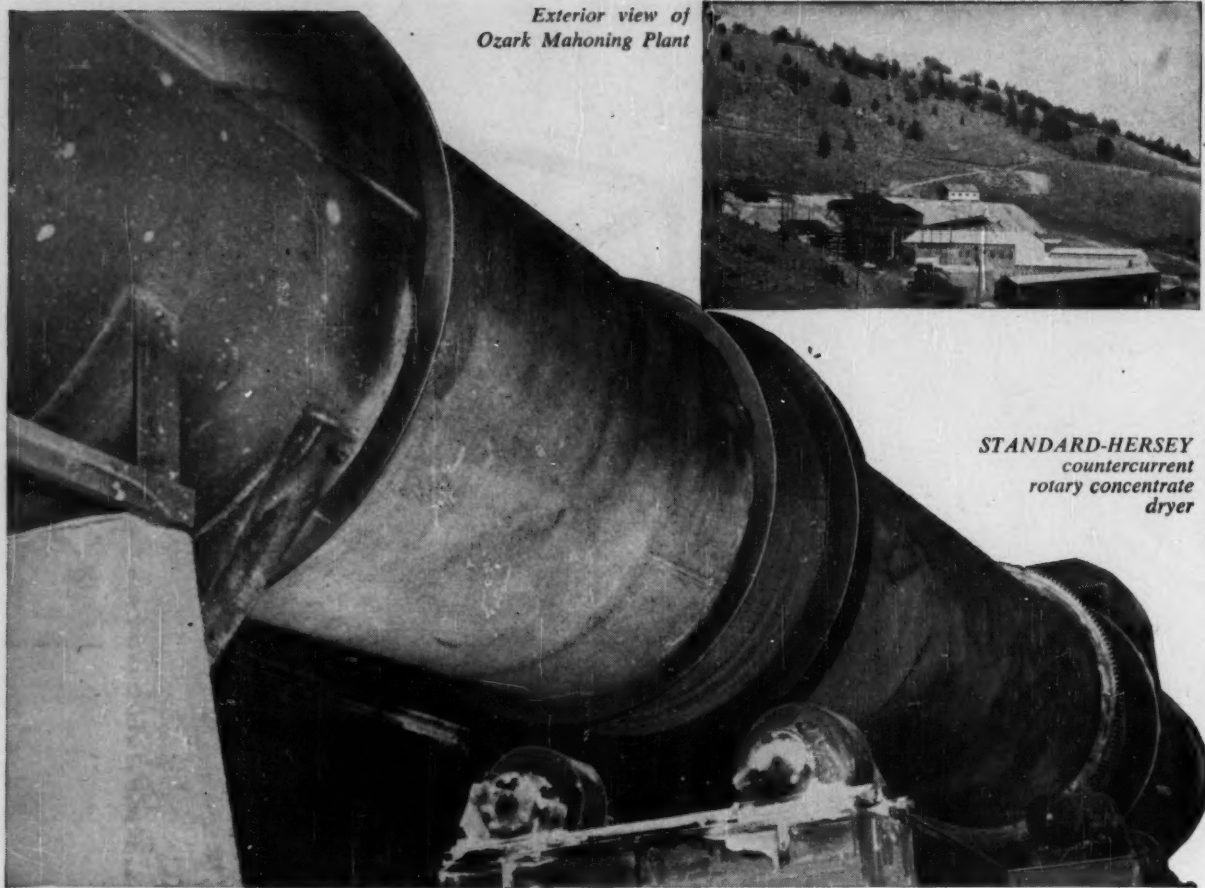
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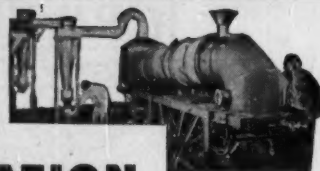
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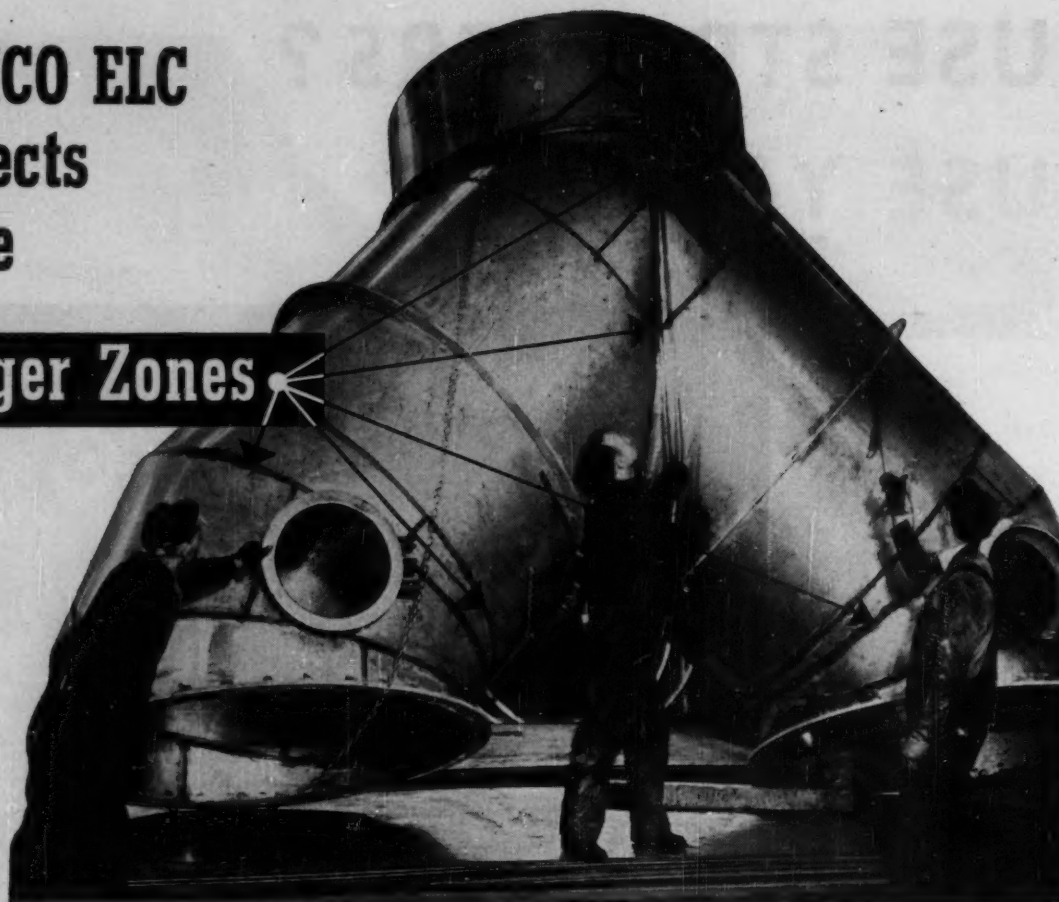
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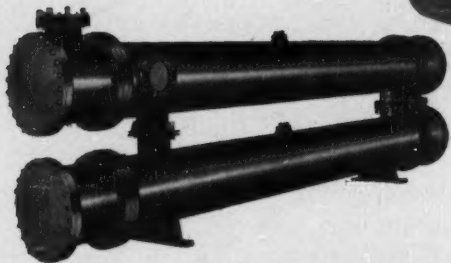
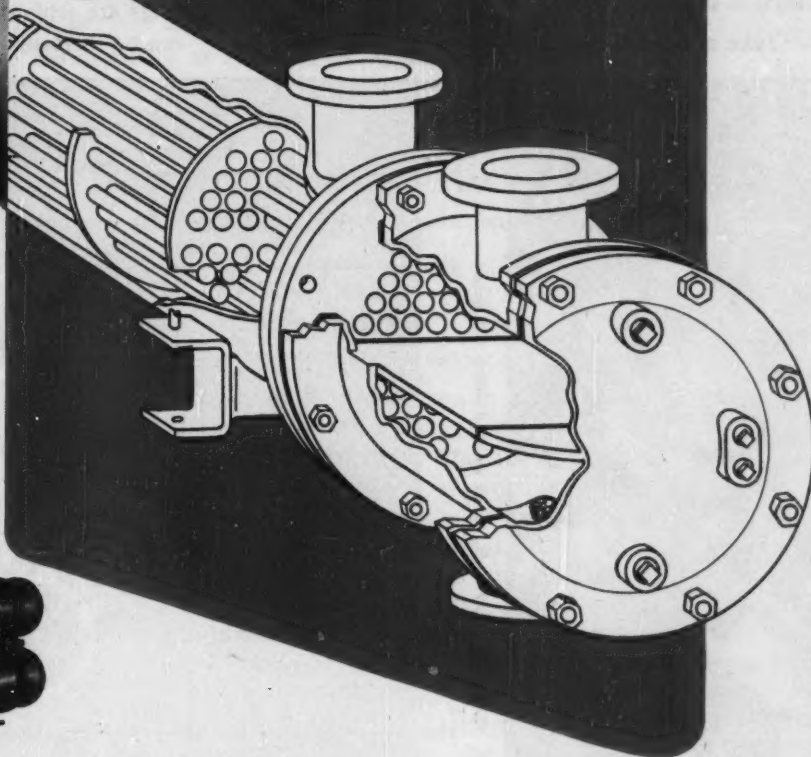


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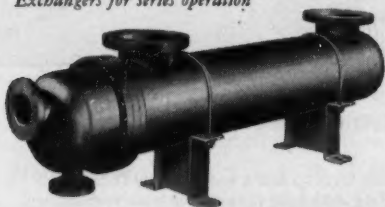
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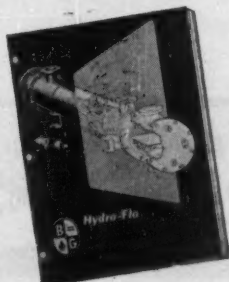


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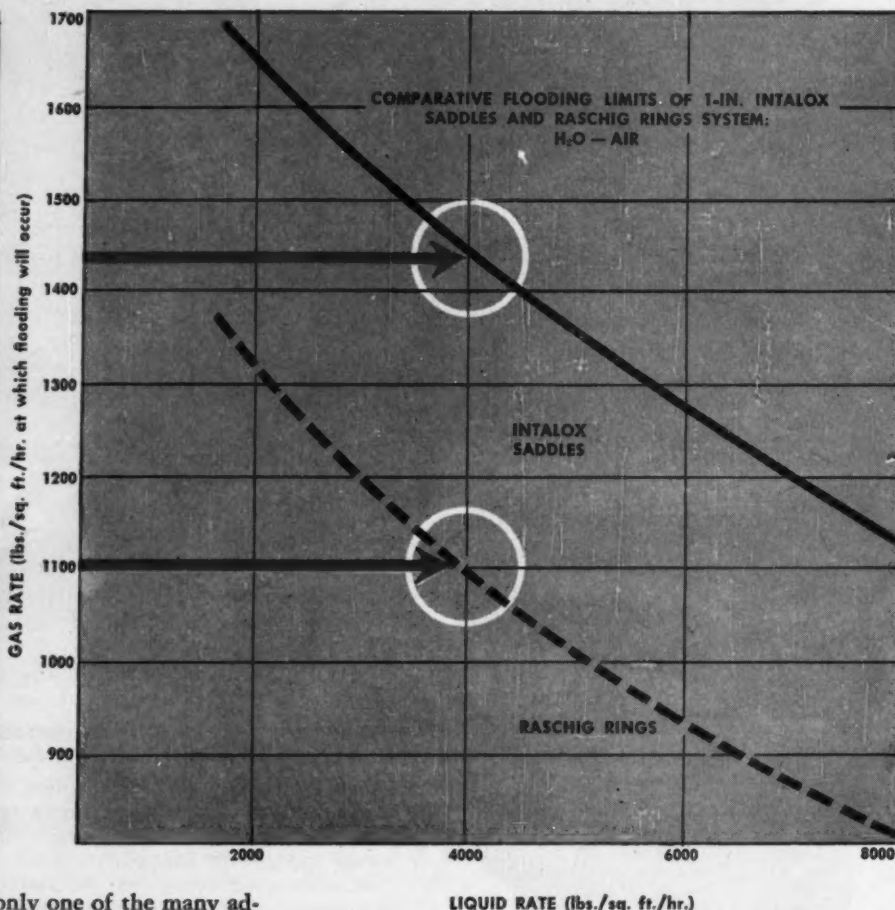
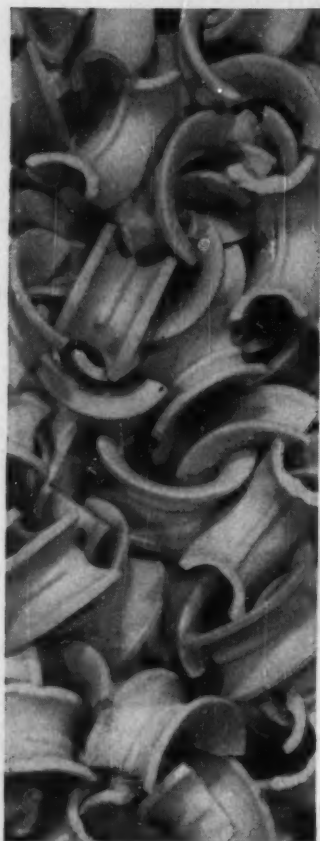
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● To get captive raw materials, and thus cut production costs for its barium products, Barium and Chemicals, Inc., plans to make barium carbonate from sulfate at a new Painesville, Ohio, plant.

● Dumping of European-made potash here at less than "fair value" has been discovered by the Treasury Dept. One case involving East Germany has already gone to the Tariff Commission. If ruled harmful to domestic producers, compensating duties could be added.

## New way to pentachlorophenol

By March, Reichhold Chemicals expects to be producing technical grade pentachlorophenol from a new 6 million lb. per year plant in Seattle—the first in the West. They'll be using a new process that's now being pilot planted in a 30,000 lb. per month unit in Seattle and on which the company has been working since 1947.

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## Oil firm to try gamma radiation reactions

Standard Oil Development Co. is prepared to plunk down \$5-20 million in development work should a million dollar gamma radiation research program it's initiating prove fruitful.

SOD's hope is to add gamma radiation to the list of activators for process reactions—both chemical and petroleum—supplementing or even supplanting such initiators as temperature, pressure, ultraviolet and catalysts. Early experimental work will be done at a new \$250,000 Linden, N. J., laboratory which will open in April.

First in priority, naturally, are new and better ways to produce gasoline, lube oils and other oil products. It's reasonable to assume, for instance, that catalytic cracking might be carried out without a dispersed phase catalyst—if gamma can initiate the reaction—and at much reduced temperature and pressure.

Polymerizations that can use gamma as the initiator are already known, and the light hydrocarbons will certainly be in for some study by Jersey scientists. New polymers—or cheaper ways to make known ones—might find important outlets in synthetic rubber, paints and oil additives.

For the initial research SOD will use a radioactive cobalt pipe now cooking at Brookhaven National Laboratory. It's been undergoing neutron bombardment in an atomic pile for over 2½ years, will have a source strength of 3,500-4,000 curies at time of delivery (cost: \$17-18,000).

But Esso is looking forward to the time when cheaper radiation sources become available. Included are radioactive byproducts of atomic reactor operations, which AEC now buries underground, and possibly even the gamma rays now dissipated into shields surrounding atomic reactors.

## Ammonia via coke oven gas nears reality

Two companies' plans to use coke oven gas as a source of hydrogen for anhydrous ammonia production are rapidly nearing completion (see *Chem. Eng.*, Sept. 1954, p. 114).

Blaw Knox has just about finished engineering



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design of an \$18 million, 200 ton a day unit to be built at U. S. Steel's Geneva, Utah, plant. Construction is set to start early this year, production in mid-1956. And it's highly likely that the firm will build a similar unit at Gary, Ind.

Also expected to start up in 1956 is a 120 ton per day plant at Ketona, Ala. It will be operated by Ketona Chemical Co. (a joint venture of Hercules Powder and Alabama By-Products) and will use a low-temperature process to obtain its hydrogen. L'Air Liquide is supplying equipment, Singmaster & Breyer is doing the design.

There's been no official word yet on what hydrogen recovery process U. S. Steel will use except that it will probably be based on a "German-Linde" patent. This points directly at low-temperature fractionation. Other ways under study are partial oxidation and steam-methane reforming.

But no matter which of these methods is chosen, the other processing steps are pretty well fixed.

Coke oven gas—about 50%  $H_2$ —will be treated in the conventional way to recover such valuable byproducts as benzene, toluene and pyridine, then passed through sulfuric acid to produce ammonium sulfate. But instead of burning the remaining gases for fuel, as is now done, U. S. Steel and Ketona will recover hydrogen. This will be mixed with nitrogen and converted to ammonia. (U. S. Steel will also make some ammonium nitrate.)

When a low temperature route is followed, you're left with residual gas that's still good for fuel use. In addition, other fractions, such as ethylene, can be recovered during the fractionation. With partial oxidation and steam reforming, hydrocarbons left in the gas after the recovery of benzene, etc., are converted to hydrogen for maximum ammonia production. But no fuel gas is left.

### Look for more grants to researchers

A boom in research grants may be shaping up based on swiftly moving changes in tax rules.

First, Congress ordered a change in the law. Grants to researchers up to \$300 a month, for 36 months, aren't taxable as income anymore. On top of that the U. S. Tax Court in New York recently ruled that a grant made even under the old law should be considered a gift, instead of income as the Internal Revenue Bureau had ruled.

There is one catch, though. Under both the new law and the court ruling, grants must be made by tax-free, non-profit organizations. But government officials fully expect profit-making businesses to establish a growing number of foundations so

that more liberal tax treatment can be handed out freely to researchers.

Tax officials may appeal the court's decision. Before they decide, though, they're digging into the new law, which is broader than the court ruling, believing it may have solved the issue.

Researchers who paid taxes on grants under the old ruling are already asking about refunds. If an appeal is made, no refunds will be given until the matter is finally settled by the Supreme Court. But if Internal Revenue gives up the fight, applications for refunds made within three years of paying the tax may be approved.

### Rubber plant disposal looks brighter

The Monday after Christmas 1954 is a day that will be a milestone—either in getting the government out of business competition or in keeping it in. For that's the contract signing deadline for the commission charged with selling the 26 butadiene, styrene, GR-S and butyl rubber plants that make up the government's synthetic rubber monopoly.

And it marks the end of seven months of negotiations that were something of a milestone themselves for recognition of business management principles by the federal government.

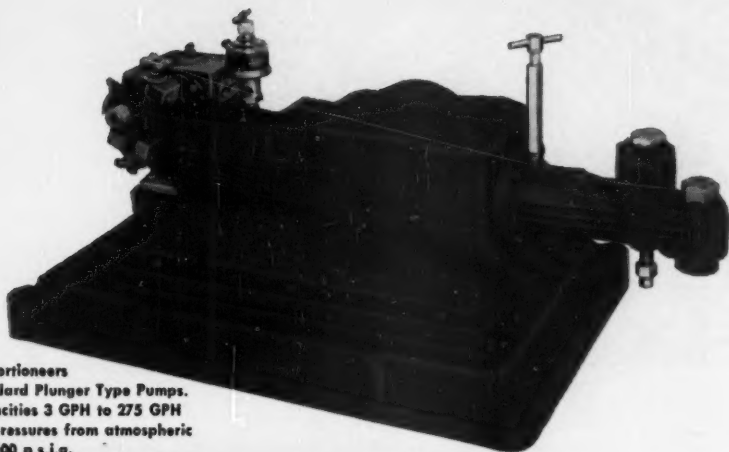
The main criterion used by the disposal group in setting target prices for each plant was the businessman's usual one—potential earning power. And in picking this—rather than total cost, unrecovered cost, depreciated value or book value—the group picked a figure that will be easiest to justify when the disposal "package" goes to Congress for final okay on Jan. 27.

Such justification will be important, too, since one of the four rules laid down when Congress authorized the program in 1953 was that the government receive "full, fair value" for plants. The other three—maintaining adequate supplies for national defense, assurance of rubber supply for small businesses, and promotion of competition—won't be so hard to meet.

Who gets the plants will be made public as contracts are signed, though prices won't be revealed until Congress gets the full report. And the commission plans to justify, in detail, the agreed price for every plant.

(As we go to press, four firms are rumored to be just about signed up: Goodrich-Gulf Chemicals, Copolymer Corp., Shell Chemical and American Synthetic Rubber Corp.)

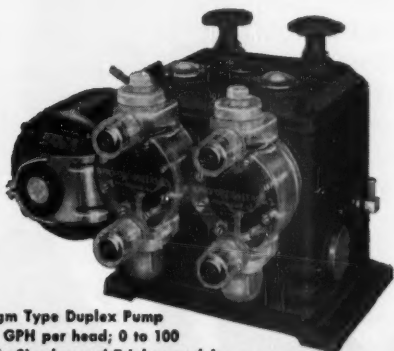
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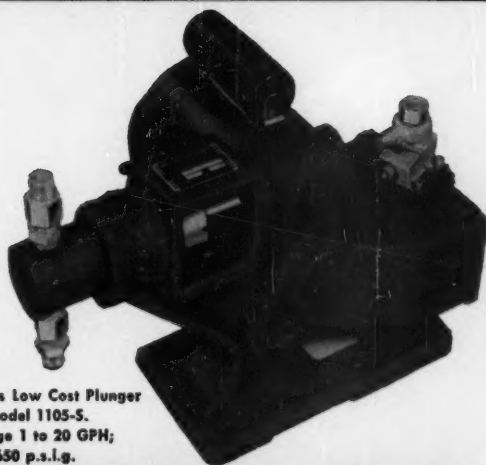
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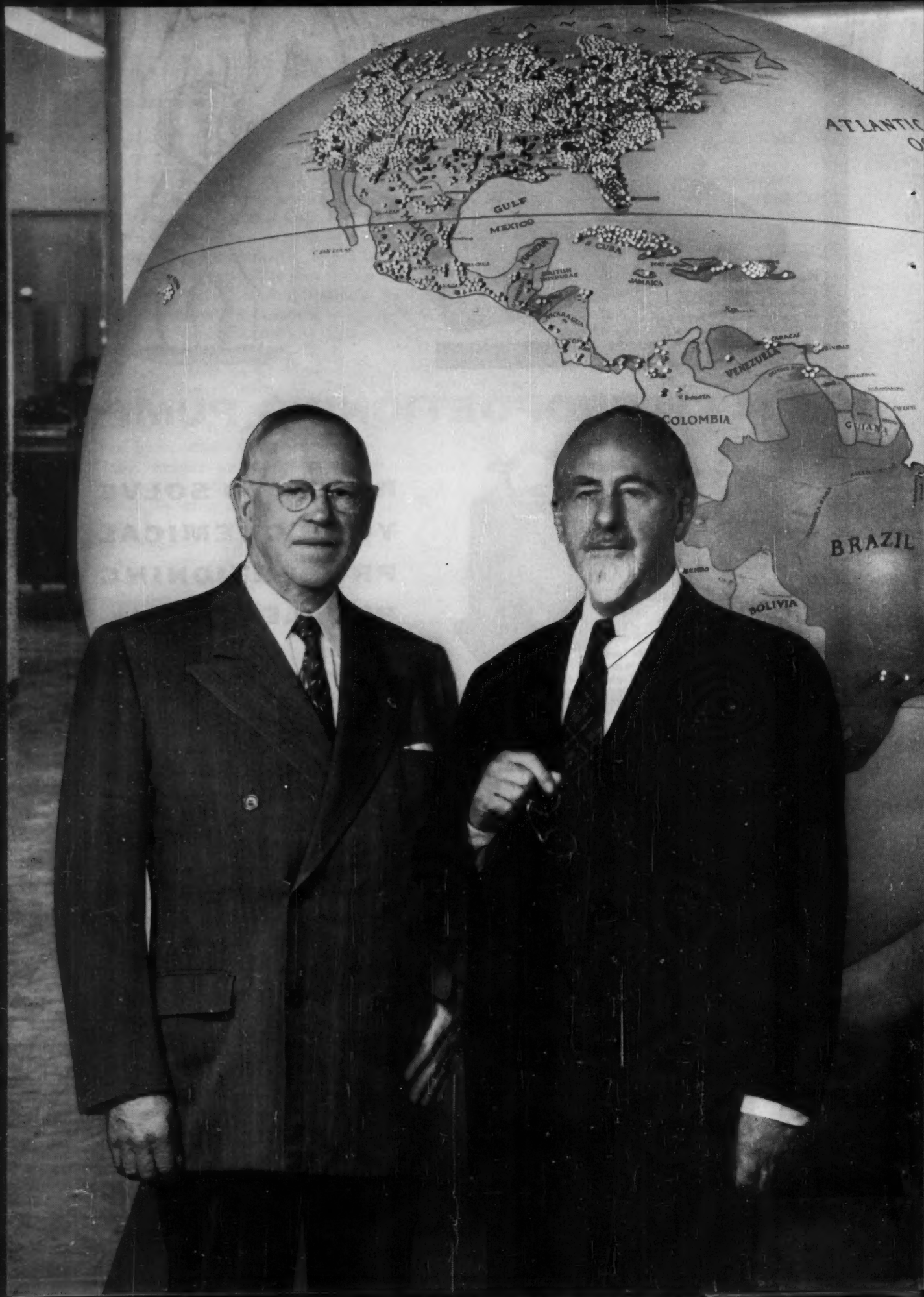
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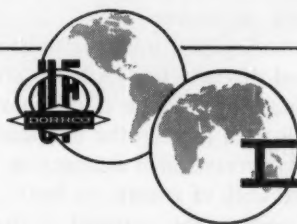


ON January first of this year, Dorr-Oliver Incorporated became a corporate entity through the merger of The Dorr Company, Engineers and Oliver United Filters Incorporated. Not a merger in name only, the combined staffs, engineering skills and facilities of the two organizations are being welded into a single unit, with a vastly increased capacity to serve on a worldwide basis.

Both companies have their roots in gold ore metallurgy. The Dorr Company was founded by John Van Nostrand Dorr on his early inventions, the first of which was developed in 1904 to solve the problem of mechanical classification of gold ores. Oliver United had its beginning in 1907 with

the development of the first successful continuous vacuum filter by Edwin Letts Oliver and its practical application to the cyanide process. Since their inception, both companies have grown steadily in technical stature to positions of leadership in their ever-widening and complementary, fields.

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Edwin Letts Oliver, Founder and President of Oliver United Filters, at left and John Van Nostrand Dorr, Founder and Chairman of the Board of The Dorr Company, at right. The globe, long symbolic of worldwide operations, stands in the home office of the new corporation in Stamford, Connecticut.

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One possible stumbling block that's been bandied about a lot is that the new Democratic Congress may junk the whole deal. But actually there's little likelihood of that since it is generally a bi-partisan measure. The core of liberal Democrats who have labeled the program a "Republican giveaway" will probably still oppose it. But, if the price is right, they'll be a rather small minority.

On the other hand, until April 27 either the Senate or House could veto all or any part of the sale. If single sales are voided, any other bidder may withdraw. The whole program would be scrapped if, after such withdrawal, capacity of plants to be sold ends up less than 500,000 long tons of GR-S plus 43,000 long tons of butyl.

### Synthetic mica's nearly here

First commercial production of synthetic mica will begin this month at Synthetic Mica Corp.'s new plant in Caldwell Township, N. J. Anticipated capacity of the five-furnace unit is 1,000 tons a year—over 10% of current U. S. imports.

For industry this means less importing from India, only major source of high grade mica upon which so many electric-electronic devices depend.

Equally important, the synthetic (fluor-phlogopite) is as good as natural in most qualities, substantially better in some. Thus in addition to being a replacement it may well open up some brand new markets for mica.

The process to be used by Synthetic Mica (a subsidiary of Mycalex Corp.) was developed at the Bureau of Mines station in Norris, Tenn. It entails electric melting at about 2,500 F. of inexpensive, readily available raw materials.

Stoichiometric amounts of magnesium oxide, aluminum oxide, silicon dioxide, potassium silica fluoride and potash feldspar (totaling 20 tons) are dry-mixed and charged to the steel furnace. Sixty-cycle current applied to graphite electrodes starts the melting at the core. In about seven hours the resistor burns out, power is increased to 2,000 amp. and current passes through the melt itself, generating heat to maintain melting.

Melting is stopped after about 80 hours and the mass is allowed to cool for 7-12 days. The outside metal shell and unmelted material are removed. Finally, a shell of sintered mica powder is cracked away, leaving crystalline pig.

Mica crystals from the pig are 1/16 in. thick and up to 4 sq. in. in area. Main use will be in glass bonded products for now. But high hopes are held for use in reconstituted sheet that will withstand much higher temperatures than natural sheets.

Ground powder from the sintered shell could also be formulated into glass bonded products.

Crystal yield per batch is about 50%. But by recharging unmelted raw material and sinter an over-all yield of 95% is achieved.

### More Canadian pulp production expected

Recent purchase by Rayonier Corp. of an 80% interest in Alaska Pine and Cellulose, Ltd., of Vancouver may well open up important new markets for Alaska Pine. According to Leon Koerner, chairman of the Canadian firm, the \$20 million sale was specifically made to "develop British Columbia dissolving pulp production" by joining forces with an American company with large research facilities and well developed markets.

Huge logging interests are involved. Alaska Pine holds more than 8 billion board feet of timber under lease or license from the British Columbia government. Its 1953 cut of 400 million board feet was second biggest in the province and just under 10% of the total B. C. cut.

### Big claims made for nitric acid pulping

Although it's been tried a number of times, use of nitric acid to make paper pulp has never been commercially successful. Now, though, a French process called Delbay is said not only to work but to cut costs all along the line. And any cellulosic material can be processed continuously—hard or soft wood (including bark and branches if desired), straw or bagasse.

Charge stock is first mixed with about 30 Be. nitric acid and digested for 3-4 hours with paddle agitation. Since the reaction is exothermic, slight refrigeration is used to keep the temperature down to 60-70 F. to prevent fiber destruction. No pressure is needed and, of course, no heat.

After digestion the material is drained and washed with water (about 700 gal./ton of pulp). A nitro-lignin product with some fertilizer value is precipitated and filtered from the wash water, leaving plant waste very clean, minimizing stream pollution. Cold 1½% caustic is then added and neutralization is completed in 3-4 minutes. Since the solution is so weak, soda recovery is eliminated. Chlorine bleaching is the final step.

Pulp yield, say the inventors, is about 50% with most raw materials. And paper made from the pulp (any kind but kraft) is as good or better than that made from sulfite pulp. Chemical consump-

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tion is low, too. Per ton of bleached pulp the Delbay process uses 300 lb. of acid, 30 lb. of caustic soda and 60 lb. of chlorine.

Because only simple equipment is needed, even though it must be stainless steel, big investment savings are also cited. In France plant cost will be about \$35,000 per daily ton of pulp. Standard processes in France require \$60-85,000 per daily ton. U. S. costs for good sulfite pulp are in the \$60,000 range.

Full substantiation of these broad claims, which are based on pilot plant work, is expected by backers of the process early next fall. At that time a 20 ton per day unit is scheduled to start processing wheat straw into pulp in northern France. But even now the American representative, the Council on Public Relations, New York, is trying to interest U. S. firms.

It looks like they'll have to do plenty of convincing, too. U. S. experts are already voicing skepticism, based mostly on the doubt that a 3-4 hr. digestion of wood chips in nitric acid at atmospheric pressure can do the job.

As for the ability to use wood with the bark still on, branches or such materials as straw, the feeling is that that's not too important in this country. Debarking, for example, is no longer excessively costly and serves an important function just by assuring a clean charge material.

But despite these reservations, U. S. paper men definitely are watching this development with interest, though not with high hopes.

### Huge spending program urged to lick smog

Revolutionary in its size and scope, a new \$2.2 million anti-smog research program for 1955 has been proposed for Los Angeles County by the Southern California Air Pollution Foundation. Significantly, it's the first real attempt to coordinate the efforts of all agencies working on the smog problem.

Stated aim of the program, which was submitted to the County Board of Supervisors by request, is to combat smog on both emergency and long-range bases. And because the most desirable ultimate solutions will probably take several years to achieve, stop-gap measures are high in priority.

Typical of the many proposed studies are:

- Clearer identification of the contributors and contaminants.
- Feasibility of using unleaded gasoline and a catalytic converter for automobile exhausts.
- The more difficult job of developing a converter for the leaded gasolines now in use.

- Possibility of using other automotive fuels, such as liquified petroleum gas or blends of alcohol and gasoline.

If the Supervisors accept the program, they will give their blessing to the Foundation for its part (\$702,350, contributed by industry), they will get county-financed programs (\$986,550) underway, and they will appeal to the state and federal governments to do their suggested parts (\$435,500 and \$90,000, respectively). Hence, four currently independent groups would concentrate on one program to control and prevent air pollution.

### Carbon fission: Is it possible?

Scoffed at by nuclear scientists as being fantastic, a new theory that promises an 8,000 times boost in the useable power from coal and other carbonaceous fuels is going to be tested.

Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp., one of the world's largest aircraft makers, has retained the inventor, Col. Harry Hardsog (U. S. Army, ret.), as a consultant. He'll be installed in a laboratory at Northboro, Mass., where Fairchild engineers will try to evaluate the process.

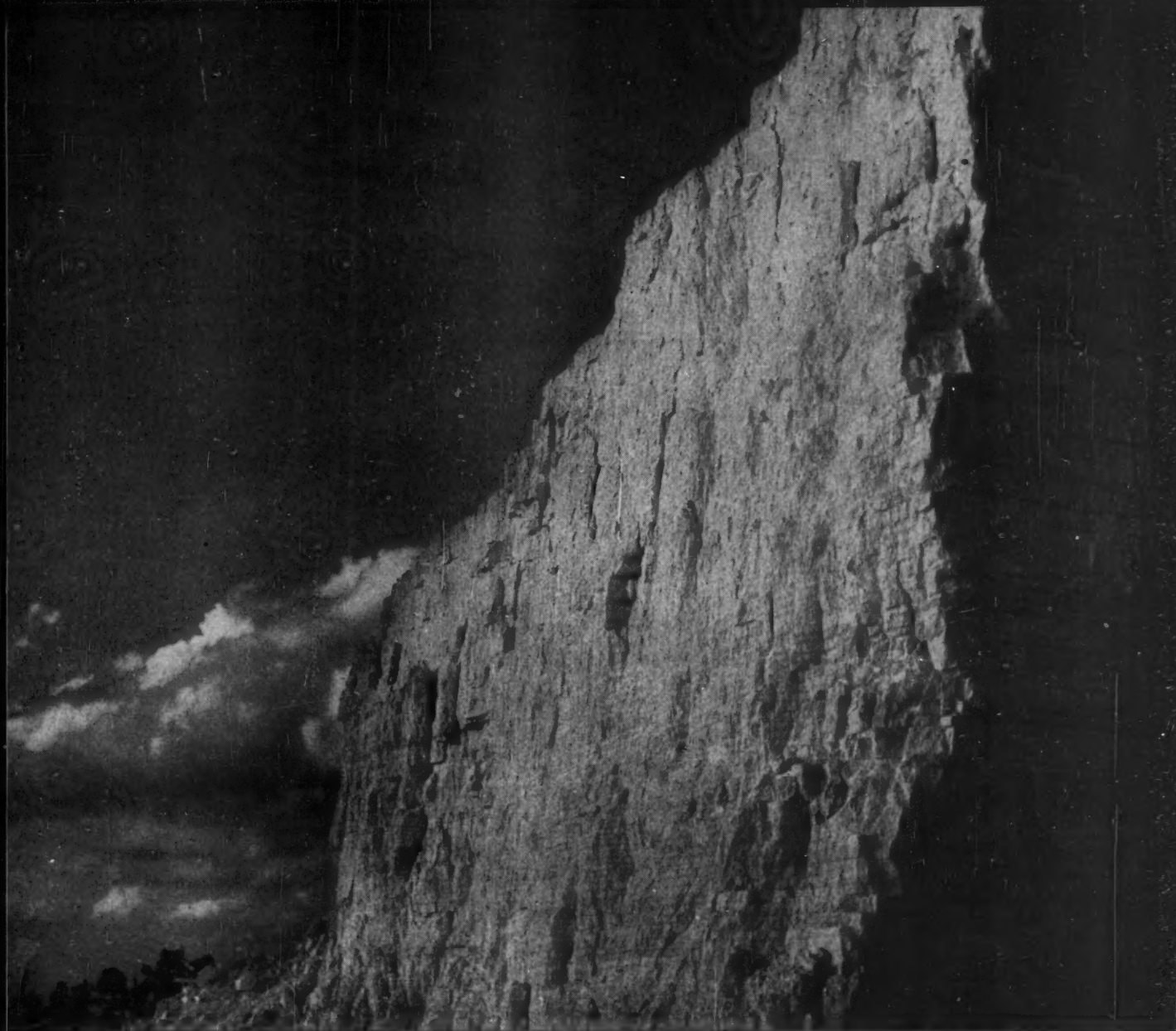
Hardsog claims the carbon atom can be excited by upsetting the internal energy balance to release tremendous energy. To give an idea of the potential significance, burning one pound of coal releases about 10,200 Btu.; the new process, which has been dubbed a "quantum jump," would release more than 78 million Btu.

(One possible reaction form, says Hardsog: a carbon atom is excited, breaking into one atom of hydrogen and one of boron, plus 16 mev. of energy. Neither product is radioactive. Theoretically this would give nearly 56 billion Btu. from one pound of carbon. To use in present boilers or turbines, of course, controls would be needed to keep useable energy way below 1% efficiency due to the inadequacy of construction materials.)

Neither Hardsog nor Fairchild knows now whether the process is practical or can be controlled. But in earlier tests under government auspices, one agency said this: "The invention, though not completely tested, has a reasonable chance of successful operation."

Industry's first reaction to this statement and to the whole Hardsog theory was overwhelmingly in the form of hoots and jeers. And even with a reputable firm like Fairchild deciding to take a good look at it, very few scientists put any stock in the scheme.

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## Oldbury Starts Up Sodium Chlorate Plant

Under construction for two years, Oldbury Electro-Chemical's \$4 million sodium chlorate plant at Columbus, Miss., is now on stream.

Some design changes have been made, but the basic process hasn't changed. Brine is electrolyzed and the cell liquor purified and evaporated. Sodium chlorate produced is continually crystallized, then centrifuged, washed, dried and packaged.

Plant capacity is 12,000 tons a year. This is a major addition to the potential U. S. supply of sodium chlorate—now estimated to be 70,000 tons annually.

But whether there's a good market for all of it is open to question. According to Dept. of Commerce reports, 1953 production was only 43,221 tons. For most of 1954, production was down to an annual rate of only 36,500 tons. This indicates that some plants—and perhaps all of them—are operating well below design capacity.



## Polyvinyl Alcohol Vies for

You may not yet be able to buy a pair of polyvinyl alcohol socks in your favorite department store or dress your filter press with PVA cloths—unless you happen to live in Japan.

That's because Japan right now is the only country producing PVA fiber—known generically as vinylon—on a commercial scale. But vinylon's attractive properties and potentially low price demand attention from the American and European synthetic fiber and textile industries.

Commercially, vinylon is now four years old. Production in 1953

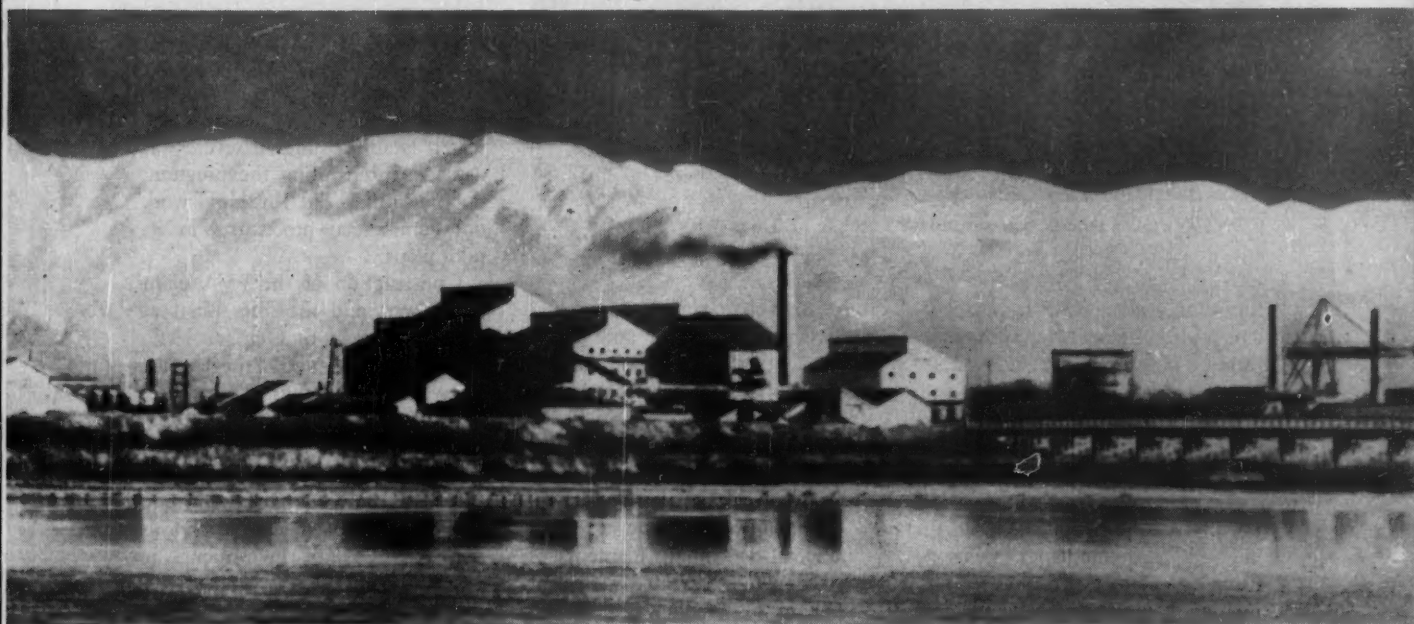
was 8.6 million lb., is soon due for a sharp boost. Kurashiki Rayon Co., biggest producer, has just completed a plant expansion program which upped its capacity from 8 tons per day to 20 tons per day. And according to plans of the Japanese government, the country's output of vinylon will reach 65 million lb. annually by 1957.\*

► **Price Competition**—Initial commercial price of vinylon was \$0.84

\* By way of comparison, here is the current estimated U. S. annual capacity for noncellulosic synthetic fibers: Nylon, 300 million lb.; acrylics, 90 million lb.; polyester (Dacron), 35 million lb.



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## Attention in World Synthetic Fiber Picture

per lb., is now \$0.70. Kurashiki Rayon plans to drop its price to \$0.50 shortly. "Final target of our vinylon fiber," says Kurashiki's Dr. Tsuzura Tomonari, "is to compete with cotton price-wise, and that target is not too far away now."

Tomonari figures that vinylon will take over a good hunk of cotton's market if selling price can drop to \$0.35. The projected huge capacity expansion puts such a price within reason.

► **Water Resistance**—Polyvinyl alcohol itself is soluble in hot water. This property is both a bane and a blessing—a bane, because you don't

want your vinylon shorts to disappear in the washtub; a blessing, because spinning from an aqueous solution is simple and cheap.

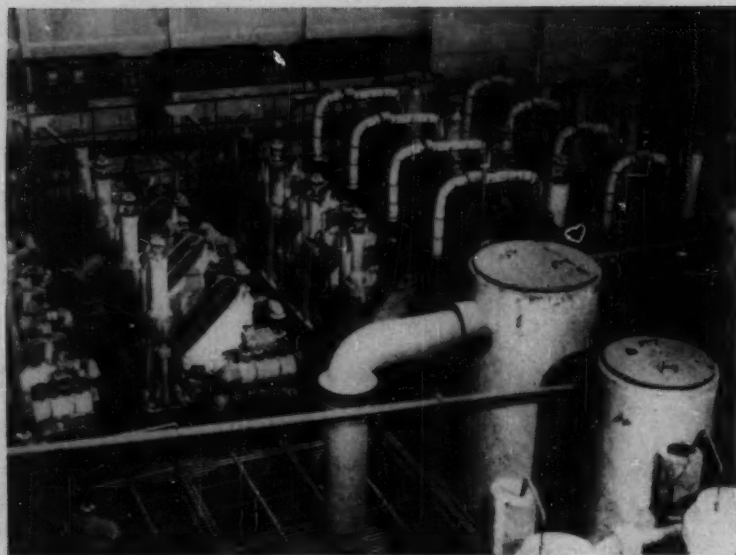
Objective of years of research on PVA fiber—which goes back a quarter of a century—has been to insolubilize the fiber after spinning. Investigators in Germany, England, U.S. and Japan have turned up a number of ways of doing this. Kurashiki's process involves the acetalization of the fiber with formaldehyde.

PVA's hydrophilic nature imparts to vinylon fiber a property unique among noncellulosics. Its

water absorbency is relatively high—about 30%. Vinylon can thus replace cotton in underwear, sheets and similar uses where the fiber is in contact with the body, while maintaining body comfort.

On the negative side of the ledger, damp ironing of vinylon goods is still a problem. Although intensive research has developed a fiber with a wet-heat resistance of 115-120 C., severe ironing, as with a cotton shirt, is a yet-to-be attained goal.

► **Making the Monomer and Polymer**—Kurashiki starts its operations at its Toyama plant with the syn-



CONTINUOUS process polymerizes vinyl acetate at Toyama PVA plant.

thesis of vinyl acetate from acetylene and acetic acid by vapor-phase reaction over a zinc acetate catalyst. Unreacted acetylene and acetic acid are removed from the product and recycled; byproduct acetaldehyde is oxidized to acetic acid and reused.

Vinyl acetate is continuously polymerized into polyvinyl acetate in bulk and methanol solution, using a peroxide catalyst. The methanol solution of polyvinyl acetate is continuously hydrolyzed into polyvinyl alcohol by caustic soda. The PVA precipitate is filtered, washed with methanol and dried in the form of a white powder.

Filtrate separated from the product PVA contains methanol, methyl acetate and sodium acetate. These components are separated by distillation; the recovered methanol is reused, while the methyl acetate is hydrolyzed into methanol and acetic acid, and the sodium acetate is reacted with sulfuric acid to make acetic acid and glauher salt. The sodium acetate can also be electrolyzed to acetic acid and caustic soda. Methanol, acetic acid and caustic soda are all reused; the glauher salt is used for spinning.

► **Spinning the Polymer**—PVA moves from the Toyama plant over to another Kurashiki Rayon plant at Okayama for making the fiber.

The polymer is dissolved in warm

water to prepare the spinning solution, which is filtered and deaerated. The spinning solution is forced through the fine holes of spinnerets into a coagulating bath of glauher salt. The filaments are taken up from the bath over a godet wheel, like rayon spinning.

The spun tow, made up of a number of continuous filaments, is dried, drawn and treated with heat and chemicals, finally washed, oiled, dried and cut into staple. The chemical treatment, for imparting water resistance to the fiber, takes place in a bath containing formaldehyde,  $H_2SO_4$ , and glauher salt.

► **Bringing up PVA**—Vinyon traces its origin to Germany, where in 1924 Herrmann and Haehnel first made polyvinyl alcohol as part of their research program to create new substances from acetylene. In 1931 they disclosed the formation of PVA fiber in German and U. S. patents (U. S. 2,072,302). Their U. S. patent application antedates Carothers' application for nylon by about four months; vinyon may thus claim to be the first true synthetic fiber to be invented.

Small-scale production of a water-soluble PVA fiber began in Germany in 1934, but didn't get very far. Demand for a water-soluble fiber was not great.

Just about this time, Kurashiki

Rayon Co. got interested in the possibilities of making true synthetic fibers, although no such materials were on the market at that time. After several years of study, Kurashiki decided to attempt commercialization of a water-resistant PVA fiber. This decision was based largely on the fact that acetylene, basic raw material, could be made from available Japanese resources.

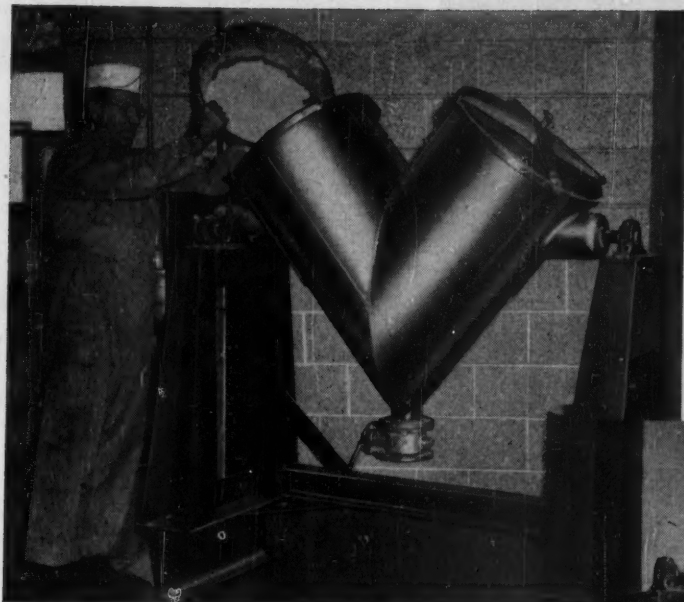
Research began in earnest in 1940, covering the entire commercial picture from wood distillation (to make charcoal for calcium carbide production) through polymer manufacture, fiber spinning and processing into textile goods. Research facilities suffered severe war damage, interrupting the program; not until 1948 did Kurashiki work out commercial procedures in its pilot plant.

Construction of the PVA plant at Toyama and the fiber plant at Okayama began in October 1949; commercial production began just one year later. A rate of 5 tons per day was reached in March 1951. Both plants were quickly expanded to 8 tons per day. Scale of operations was boosted during 1954 to a capacity by year-end of 20 tons per day. Total investment in vinyon facilities is now over \$10 million.

► **Look Into the Future**—Dr. Tomonari has made a close study of world textile consumption since 1890 and has projected the picture well into the future. According to his figures, by the year 2000 cotton will have only 35% of the total world market, wool and silk taking only 3.1%, rayon and acetate 20% and synthetics the rest, or 41.9%.

One important factor in this estimate is that cotton and wool production cannot keep up with increasing demands for textiles. What the world needs, says Tomonari, is not an expensive "miracle" fiber with limited applications, but a synthetic which can replace natural fibers price-wise and quality-wise.

This philosophy has been the basis of Kurashiki's determination to go ahead with commercialization of vinyon in spite of many difficulties. These efforts now seem to be getting their just reward.



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a given point under carefully controlled conditions.

- The atmosphere is then sampled at any number of locations in the area with special filters.

- Finally, the filters are examined under ultraviolet light, and the degree of fluorescence is measured with the aid of a microscope.



**PATTERN is plotted by sampling at scattered points.**

Originally developed by researchers at Stanford University, this idea is being put to practical use by Ralph M. Parsons Co., Los Angeles engineering and construction firm. It is a part of the Southern California Air Pollution Foundation's current attack on the Los Angeles Basin smog problem.

► **Gets the Basic Data**—First step in solving any air-pollution problem is to find the source of the pollutants or, conversely, to chart the area of potential pollution from a known point source.

Certainly in many cases no one can deny that the air is being polluted. Where there are several likely pollution sources, however, attempts to pinpoint responsibility have usually met with failure.

On the other hand—and just as hard to establish—a company studying a new plant site needs to know the probable pattern its air-borne effluents will take. Such a study would indicate the suitability of the site and the need for any pollution-control equipment.

Studies of air currents and wind patterns alone will not supply the needed data. Influences of buildings, trees, topographic features, thermal effects and turbulent diffusion—all these limit the value of this type of data. Use of the tracer technique avoids these difficulties, provides a true picture of air-pollution conditions at the time of test. (The tracer technique cannot, predict the path of pollutants under

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meteorological conditions other than those existing during a particular test.)

► **Why Not Radioisotopes?**—Radioactive tracers can be used effectively for many measuring jobs (*Chem. Eng.*, Oct. 1954, p. 118). One method for charting a potential pollution pattern, for example, might be emission of radioactive sulfur dioxide from the particular point.

Where there is a large area to be covered, however, release of radioactive materials from a point source in quantities sufficient for effective coverage might involve certain hazards. And neighbors might easily find grounds for objecting to this method. Radioactive tracers, therefore, can be used only where the tests cover a relatively small area—say, a few square miles.

Use of colored smokes is another possibility. Disadvantages: Quantitative measurements are difficult, and the smokes are rapidly diluted to the point of invisibility where the study covers a large area.

► **Fluorescent Dust**—Parsons uses zinc cadmium sulfide particles in the 1 to 2 micron size range, cites these advantages for the method:

- The material is practically inert, relatively nonhygroscopic and not affected unduly by sunlight or temperature. It is of such a special nature that it is seldom found in contaminated areas; test results, therefore, are not biased because of factors beyond control.

- Since a characteristic of the material is its brilliant fluorescence under 3,000-Angstrom illumination, it is readily identified and easily counted.

- Collection techniques are simple and readily handled by persons with little training.

- Although the actual number of particles released is large, the total mass is so low that the dispersed particles can't be detected except with special instruments.

- Tests may be conducted without creating undue excitement on the part of either the local populace or authorities.

► **Disperser and Collector**—The dispersing unit, originally developed at Stanford University, uses a high-

### Convention Calendar

Fourth Conference on Scientific Manpower, sponsored by National Science Foundation, National Research Council, Engineering Manpower Commission and American Association for the Advancement of Science (in conjunction with annual meeting of the AAAS), Berkeley, Calif., Dec. 28-29.

Chemical Market Research Assn. and Commercial Chemical Development Assn., joint meeting, "Chemicals in Foods and Feeds," Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Jan. 20-21.

Engineers Joint Council, first General Assembly, Hotel Statler, New York, Jan. 21.

Plant Maintenance & Engineering Conference and Show, International Amphitheatre, Chicago, Jan. 24-26.

The 12th biennial International Heating and Ventilating Exposition, Commercial Museum and Convention Hall, Philadelphia, Jan. 24-28.

Chlorine Institute, annual meeting, The Biltmore, New York, Jan. 26.

Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas (Texas A.&M.), symposium, "Instrumentation for the Process Industries," College Station, Tex., Jan. 26-28.

Society of the Plastics Industry, tenth annual Reinforced Plastics Division conference, Hotel Statler, Los Angeles, Feb. 8-10.

speed (11,000-rpm.) portable blower which delivers 200 cfm. at a nozzle velocity of about 70 ft. per sec. Provision is made for introducing the fluorescent powder at the blower inlet at rates as high as 3,000 grams per hr. About 55 billion particles are actually air-borne per gram of powder released.

For sampling, Parsons uses a Lovell Millipore filter on a magnetic-type holder. This filter has a high efficiency for trapping particles down to about 0.5 micron in diameter and retains them on the forward face so they may be optically observed and counted.

A flexible hose between the filter holder and pumping unit permits convenient placement of the two units. The usual pumping rate is 10 liters per min., providing an av-

erage sensitivity of one particle per 600 liters of free air when sampled for a period of 1 hr.

► **Practical Value**—Parsons first developed its tracer technique as part of a contract with the government covering studies of meteorological conditions in several cities during 1952 and 1953. In this period the company made over 170 tests and analyzed more than 20,000 filters.

The present study in the Los Angeles area will provide data to help determine sources and paths of pollutants contributing to the area's severe smog problem. For example, the study will indicate for the first time whether under specified conditions pollutants do or do not travel from specific areas south of Los Angeles to certain other areas of the city. There are 25 sampling stations at key points over an arc of 50 miles.

City officials can use data from these and similar tests to develop a realistic zoning and control program, one which will impose on industry the least need for expensive control equipment and yet cause minimum nuisance to surrounding areas.

Parsons has also completed an investigation preliminary to setting up a tracer study of the effluents from a large chemical plant in the South that is the target of an increasing number of complaints from residents of the area. The specific problem is to find out the degree, if any, to which effluents of the plant are contributing to the pollution problem. The problem is complicated by the presence in the vicinity of several other chemical processing plants.

Cost of such a study might run as high as \$50,000, although less ambitious programs could easily cost only a fraction of that amount. On the other hand, complex studies could run far higher. Parsons points out that each individual study is essentially a custom job whose cost may vary over a wide range, depending on many factors.

Even \$50,000 might be money well spent, however, in terms of the more reliable data and improved public relations which it can buy via Parsons' tracing technique.



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### Du Pont Neoprene Plant Delayed a Few Months

Though originally scheduled to be begun last fall, construction of Du Pont's Montague, Mich., neoprene plant won't get under way until this spring. Completion is now expected late in 1956.

The 1,000-acre plant site adjoins the Hooker Electrochemical Co. chlorine-caustic plant near Montague and the land on which Linde Air Products will build acetylene generating facilities. Hooker will supply Du Pont with hydrogen chloride and Linde will pipe in acetylene, the other major raw material for neoprene.

Du Pont's present neoprene output comes from its Louisville, Ky., plant where an expansion program is nearing completion.

### Brown Co. Selling Canadian Holdings

By divesting itself of certain Canadian assets, the Brown Co. of Berlin, N. H., will increase the equity per share of common stock from \$14.26 to over \$25. Brown is selling its Canadian subsidiary, Brown Corp., to Canadian International Paper Co., and its Canadian hydroelectric power interests to Shawinigan Water and Power Co., for a total of \$46 million. These are carried on Brown's books at only \$18 million.

Properties going to Canadian International include 2.5 million acres of woodland and a pulp mill at La Tuque, Quebec. Shawinigan will get Brown's half interest in St. Maurice Power Corp.

The sale will not curtail any of Brown's American operations. Rather, the company is already planning extensive improvements and additions in this country.

### Industry to Be Briefed On Scientific Advances

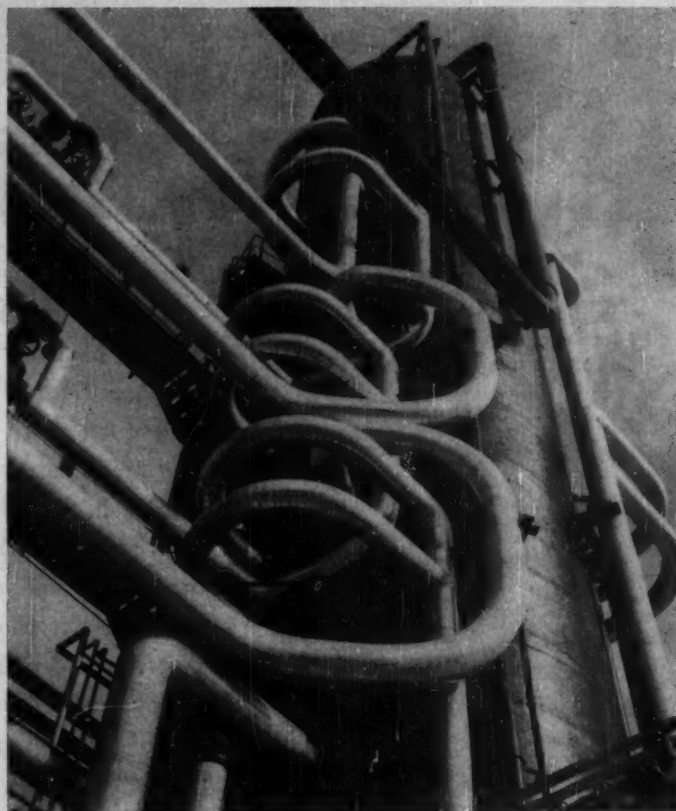
A new program at the University of Michigan, known as the Industrial Program, is expected to open up direct channels of communica-

tion between industry and the University's College of Engineering. Subscribing companies will receive information on the College's latest engineering and scientific advances at a nominal cost. Also, University and industrial experts will meet periodically to review fields of mutual interest.

The program is the first of its kind to be made available to industry on a broad basis. And so that many firms can participate, fees are kept purposely low—\$5,000 a year for a period of three years, about one-fourth the cost of one

technical man in an industrial research laboratory.

Small companies will be supplied with data they are unable to develop themselves. Large firms will be kept informed of work in fields in which they are especially interested but are unable to explore fully. One of the plan's most important features, says Dean George Brown of the College, is advance distribution of the results of research programs, since publication of material in technical journals often lags a year or more behind the actual work.



### Major oil expansion nears completion

Through the maze of pipes on this crude oil topping unit, petroleum intermediates are now flowing to new vacuum and hydroformer feed preparation units at the Lake Charles, La., refinery of Cities Service Co. A third major unit, a hydroformer, will be on stream

soon. Also included in the program is a de-ethanizer to increase recovery of propylene for aviation gasoline production.

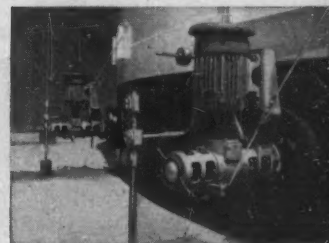
The complete expansion, which is costing \$22 million, will up the refinery's capacity by 10%—to 20,000 bpd.



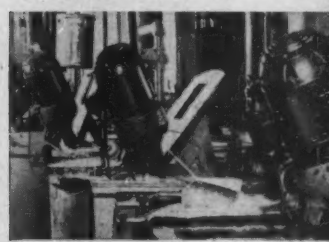
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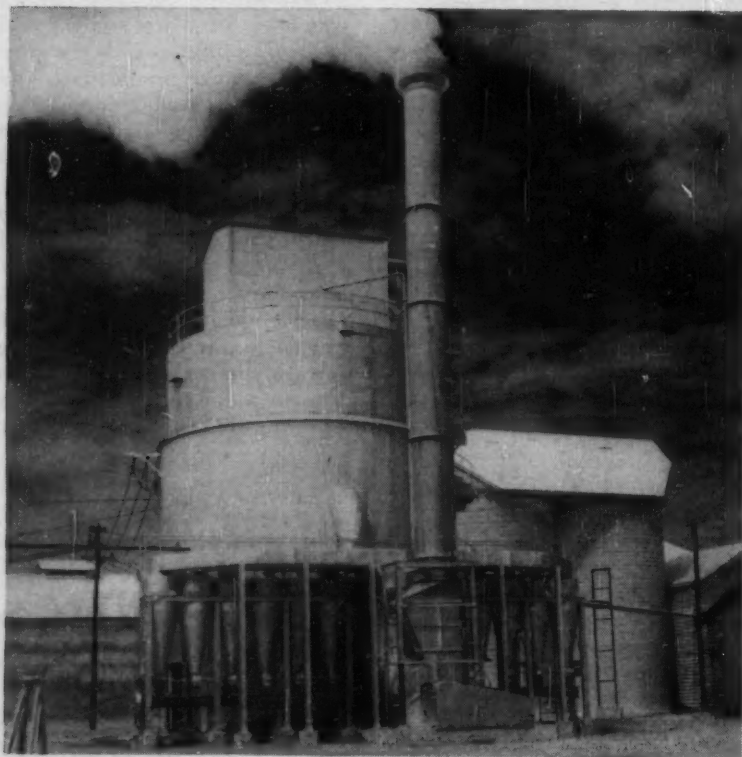
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- A low fuel cost. Less water has to be removed.

- An improved product. Slurry viscosity is very low. This results in a fine spray, which produces a completely dry product, having high bulk density and good dispersion characteristics.

Spray drying is the only method which produces aluminum silicate pigment with a satisfactory particle size and shape. That's the reason other methods such as tray or rotary drying, which usually have lower operating costs, were not considered in the design.

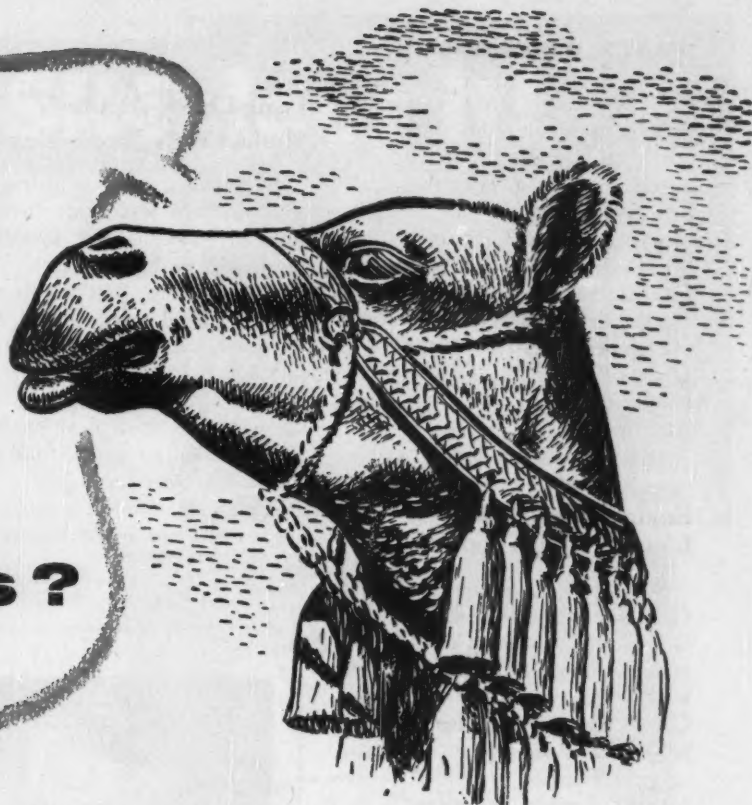
► **How the Process Works**—Mined kaolin is dumped into a mixing tank, where water is added to form a slurry. After thickening, degritting, classification, bleaching and dewatering operations, the slurry is fed to a rotary vacuum filter. A washed cake with a solids content of 58-60% comes off, and goes to a mixing vat.

Here the dispersant, tetrasodium pyrophosphate, is added (0.2% based on solids content). The cake now becomes a free-flowing slurry, which is passed through a screen and liquid magnetic filter.

It then enters the 29½-ft. dia.

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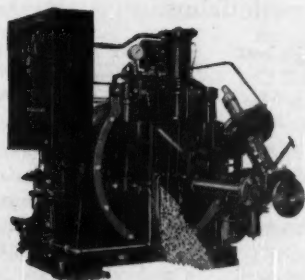
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stainless spray dryer. Flowing through a nozzle, the slurry impinges on a rotating (10,000 rpm.) impeller. This gives a fine, umbrella-type spray. The droplets contact a countercurrent flow of heated air (1,000 F.) and take the form of small, free-flowing globules.

Exit air passes through a bank of cyclones which recover entrained clay particles. The final product is stored in silos, and from there goes to hopper or boxcars.

### Foam Vinyl Process Licensed by Goodrich

Seeking expanded markets for its Geon vinyl dispersion resins, B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co. has obtained a license to do development work with Elastomer Chemical Corp.'s continuous foam vinyl process. In addition, Goodrich says it's prepared to render service to other licensees on the application of Geon resins to this process.

In concept, the process is simple. Inert gas is dissolved under high pressure in a vinyl plastisol. The resulting foamed plastisol is then released through a spray nozzle into a mold or onto a casting surface and fused to form the finished product. Both continuous sheet and molded items can be made, including automobile and furniture cushioning, sound proofing and insulating material, mattresses and rug backing.

### No Storage Goals Needed for Nitrogen

Concurring with industry representatives and recommendations by the Business and Defense Services Administration, the office of Defense Mobilization has decided not to establish an expansion goal for nitrogen storage facilities.

The question was first discussed at an industry-BDSA meeting in October. At that time it was agreed that more storage facilities are necessary, but most industry spokesmen pointed out that these are already being built without accelerated amortization.

### Long-Chain Alcohols Made From Wool Wax

In Australia, catalytic hydrogenation of wool wax acids to commercially more useful long-chain alcohols is giving good yields on a laboratory basis. Best results have been obtained using copper chromite catalyst at about 4,000 psi. and 570 F.

Still another possible use seen for wool wax acids is as modifiers—with phthalic anhydride and glycerol—for alkyd resins.

This work with sheep wax is being carried out in Melbourne by

the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization. The group is also successfully hydrogenating wool wax itself.

Working even closer to the sheep's back, Commonwealth has developed a commercial flotation process for recovering wool wax from fleece. Its main feature is aeration of wool scour liquors in modified mineral flotation equipment. Froth is circulated through the flotation machine impellers to reduce bulk, water-washed, and dispersed in hot alkaline solution to give a concentrated emulsion. Wax is then centrifuged out.



### Heat recovery aids pelletizing

Boasting simplicity and high heat utilization, Arthur G. McKee & Co., Cleveland, and Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee, have come up with a new way to heat-harden pellets made from taconite iron ore. And they are optimistic about its usefulness for certain non-magnetic ores, too.

In order to get iron out of taconite, it's necessary to crush the ore very finely. But powder isn't good blast furnace charge, so pellets are made and heat-hardened to minimize breakage in transit. Most com-

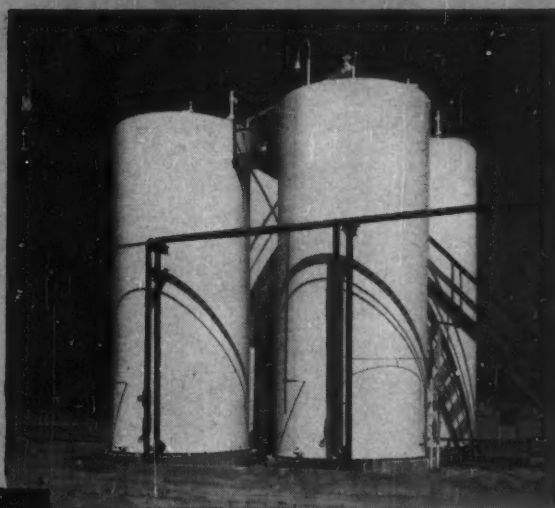
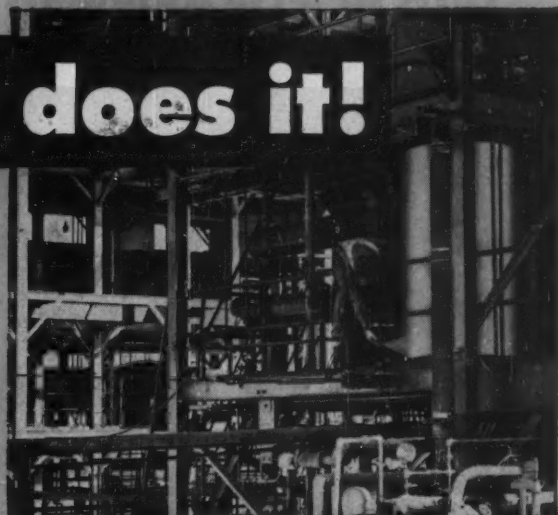
panies use drum pelletizing and sinter in a vertical kiln.

McKee and Allis-Chalmers, however, have gone instead to a traveling grate sinter, normally less efficient heatwise. To overcome this disadvantage, pellets containing powdered coal are preheated, then ignited at about 2,400 F. This causes a molecular change in the concentrate which in turn generates heat of its own—up to 40% of the heat input. Retained heat in the burned pellets is recovered and used to preheat unsintered pellets in the feed.



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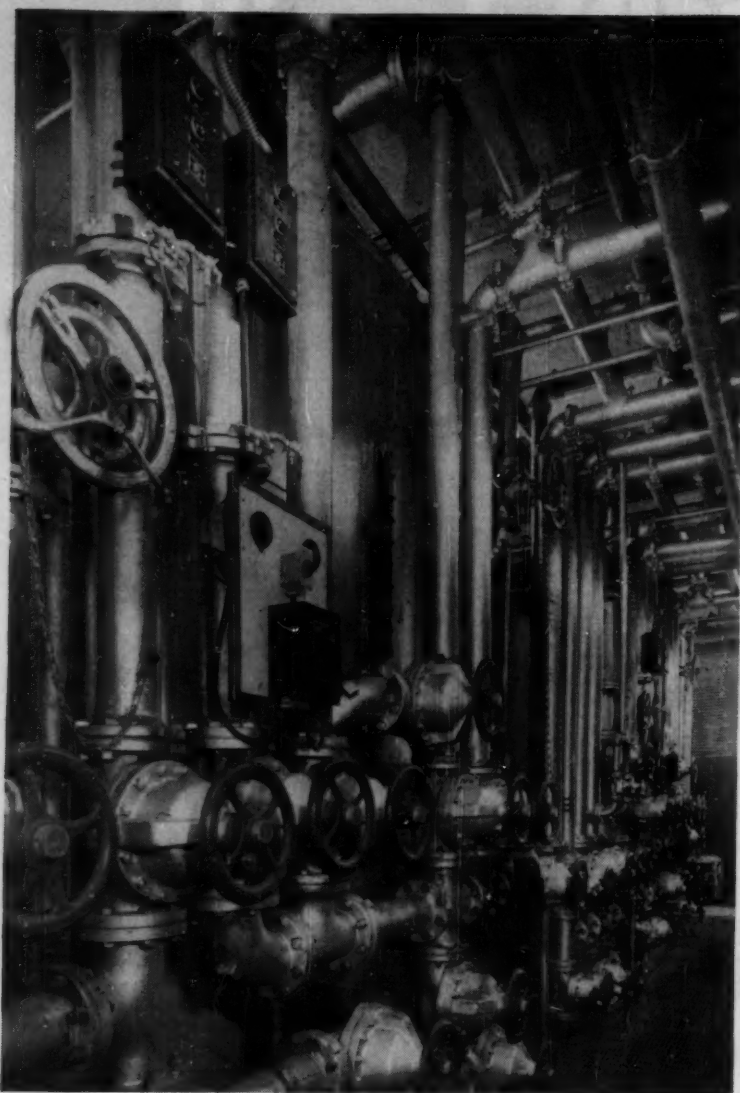
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## Ion Exchange Sweetens Sugar

**Layton Sugar uses it to purify both cane and beet sugar, claims lower costs, greater process flexibility, increased yields and higher purity.**

Ion exchange can replace sulfur bleaching in beet-sugar refining, can supplant bone-char decolorization in cane-sugar purification. So says Layton Sugar Co., Layton, Utah, which claims to be first in the world to use exchange resins

for full-scale purification of both beet and cane sugar.

Layton made the former substitution in 1946, the latter in 1952, now reports success for both. Although achieving that success took seven long years of development

work, this veteran sugar refiner thinks the uphill struggle was worth all it cost, cites these advantages for ion exchange over conventional purification methods:

- **Lower costs:** Ion exchange columns replace the conventional decolorizing unit for cane sugar, take up far less space than equivalent bone-char or activated-carbon operations. In beet-sugar refining they supplant the sulfur bleaching step. Decolorizing cost for IE is 2½¢ per 100-lb. bag of refined cane sugar; costs using bone char have run as high as 7¢ a bag. And ion exchange eliminates scale buildup in evaporators, saves Layton the 8,000 man-hr. a year previously spent in descaling.

- **Greater process flexibility:** Since ion exchange equipment handles both cane and beet sugar with equal facility, Layton can now switch more easily from beet to cane production. This is especially important to an inland refiner like Layton, confronted not only with seasonal fluctuations in beet supply but also with a steady decline in the cultivation of sugar beets because of competitive crops and industrial and residential demands for land.

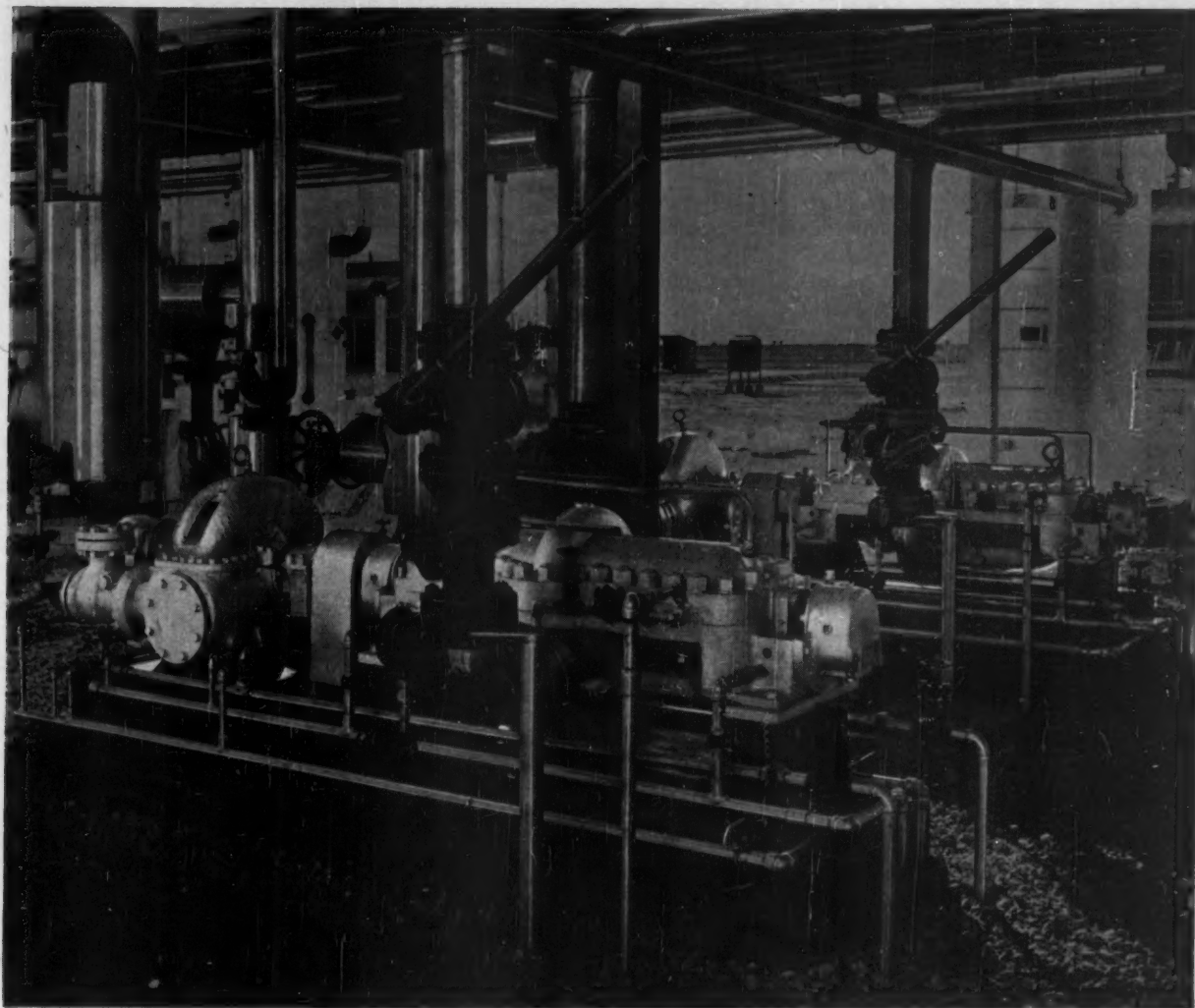
- **Increased yields:** More sugar—25-32 lb. more per ton of beets—when using ion exchange. Less molasses, too—only 1% of total raw beet weight vs. about 4% in the usual process.\*

- **Higher purity:** In the exchange process, sugar from the first crystallization stage (strike) contains 0.0005% ash, as against 0.010-0.015% for conventional refining. Furthermore, Layton claims liquor from the third strike has greater purity than usual first-strike liquor.

► **Process Bugs**—In 1946 Layton, working with Illinois Water Treatment Co., Rockford, Ill., and Chemical Process Co., Redwood City, Calif., first pilot-planted its ion-exchange process. In 1947, despite some problems which were still unsolved, Layton adopted the

\* This would be undesirable when molasses is selling at a high price. Harold E. Ellison, Layton's production manager, puts the break-even point at about \$45 a ton, all factors considered. Present molasses price—less than \$30.

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technique for commercial beet-sugar purification and has been using it ever since (see *Chem. Eng.*, July 1948, p. 114, for description of original installation).

Actually it has taken from 1946 until now to iron out all the process kinks. During that period Layton made three important discoveries:

1. Raw beet juice can't be sent through the ion-exchange column as it comes from the diffusers (juice extractors); there is too much foam, too much colloidal and organic material for the resin capacity of a practical unit. Conventional processing must, then, precede ion-exchange purification of beet sugar.

2. Off-color fractions can't be upgraded by recycling through the exchange column; impurities that get through the first pass have to be eliminated by recrystallization.

3. At the lower temperatures involved, biological contamination of the juices is a very real problem.

► **Beet-Sugar Process**—Raw sugar extract from the diffusers is heated to 87 C. and sent to a carbonator, where CO<sub>2</sub> and milk of lime (2% CaO) precipitate colloidal impurities. At a pH of 8.5 the slurry is clarified and the filtrate passed to a second carbonator. There another pH adjustment precipitates residual lime, which is filtered off.

Lime-carbonate treatment replaces the usual lime-phosphoric combination for flocculation and clarification because it produces a higher pH, greater color stability in the finished product, and increases the efficiency of ion exchange and subsequent over-all sugar extraction.

In conventional refining the filtered juice from the second carbonator goes to a tower, where sulfur fumes bleach the organics, knocking the pH down to about 8.0. Bleach-tower solution is then evaporated from 14% to 67% solids, filtered, cooled and the sugar crystallized.

► **With This Difference**—Layton, however, cools the second carbonator filtrate from 85 C. to 17.5 C. and puts it through a cation ex-

changer where, at a pH of 1.5-2.5, nonsugar salts are converted to acids. A pass through an anion exchanger adsorbs these acids, plus color bodies.

About 95% of the total inorganic impurities and 65% of the organic impurities are removed in the exchange process. Resultant liquor is water-white, 99.0-99.5% pure, contains no sulfites and only 1-3 ppm. CaO. Six strikes (as against three in usual refining) are taken in the evaporators; three are marketable as such, three require recrystallization.

Although at lower pH there is a greater tendency to form invert sugar, in actual practice Layton's low exchange temperature—plus the short retention times normally used in resin columns—keeps the invert concentration down to 0.14% on a dry basis.

► **Now Comes Cane**—Layton originally put in ion exchange for beet-sugar refining. But as sugar-beet land in cultivation in that region switched to other uses, Layton turned to Philippine cane sugar to supplement its raw material supply and maintain a level production rate. By the end of the 1952 beet campaign the company had perfected use of ion exchange in cane-sugar processing, now has a daily melt capacity of 400 tons.

In cane-sugar production, ion exchange replaces bone-char or activated-carbon decolorizing towers, takes up far less space. (Half the space in a conventional sugar refinery is taken up by the bone-char unit, with its regeneration and storage areas.) Production Manager Ellison estimates capital costs for ion-exchange installations in general would be just about one-tenth that for comparable bone-char operations, exclusive of initial bone char costs.\*

► **Exchange Equipment**—Layton's four cation columns are straight-side tanks 10 ft. in diameter by 13½ ft., each containing 625 cu. ft. of Dow MX resin. The four anion columns are 10 ft. in diameter by

11 ft., hold 412 cu. ft. each of Chemical Process A-2 resin. Exchange cycle time is 2 hr., with a 4-hr. resin regeneration period.

In more than six years of operation with beet and cane sugar Layton has added only 5% makeup resin, still has about 90% of its original effective capacity. Resin regeneration requires 2.4 lb. of caustic soda (100% NaOH), 15 lb. of sulfuric acid and 6.5 lb. of ammonia per ton of beets processed.

► **Freight Rate Picture**—There's another interesting—and telltale—facet to the economy of sugar refining—freight costs (still one of the biggest factors in sugar's total cost).

During big beet-sugar years, cane sugar refining and consumption decline (and vice versa). By refining both cane and beet sugar a refiner can realize better operating balance, whether beets are overabundant or whether they are losing ground to other interests.

More favorable freight rates for movement of both raw materials and finished sugar would permit inland beet refiners like Layton to figure closely the optimum balance between beet and cane. Ion exchange can then help many of them obtain this balance.

And ability to establish new plants in the best location with regard to markets and raw materials—to get the best possible break on freight costs—would make a big difference to many processors.

► **Others, Too**—Layton is certainly not the first, nor is it at present the only domestic sugar producer working on ion-exchange purification. Hawaiian Pineapple uses ion exchange to recover sugar from pineapple waste for its own use. American Molasses, Louisiana Liquid Sugars, and Refined Sugars and Syrups also use ion exchange—but not to the extent Layton does.

The Dorr Co. in 1940, working with Amalgamated Sugar Co. at Burley, Idaho, designed and built a pilot plant using ion-exchange resins. Outcome was the Twin Falls, Idaho, plant, with a capacity of 2,200 tons of beets a day; it operated this way in 1946-47 but is not now using ion exchange.

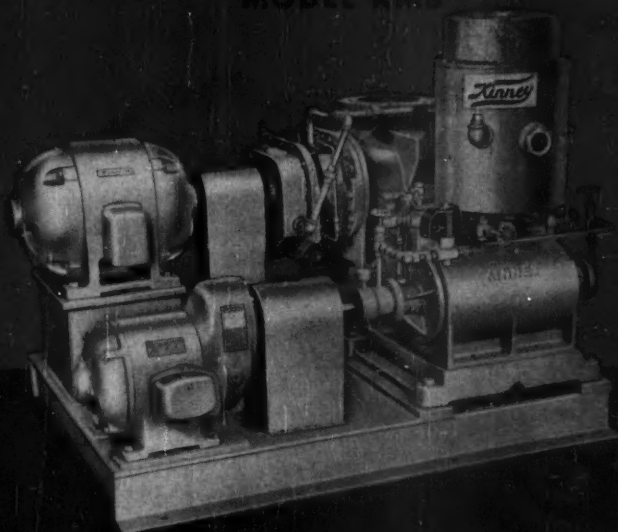
\* California & Hawaiian Sugar Refining Corp.'s 3,500-ton-a-day plant at Crockett, Calif.—largest sugar refinery in the country—has an average inventory of 5,000 tons of bone char.

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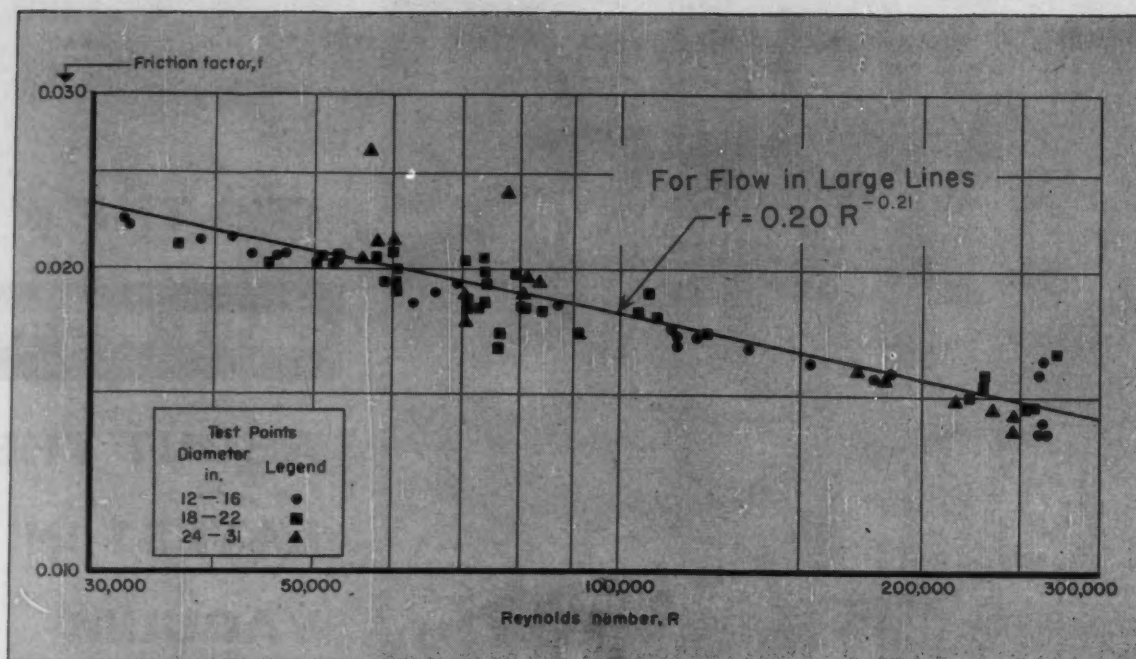
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## Predicted Pressure Drop Proved in Field

**Tests from 15 companies, operating large-diameter pipelines in 12 states, coincide with Stanton-Pannell data. Actual confirms theoretical—40 years after.**

Chemical engineers have been able to predict the relationship between flow rate and pressure loss in small diameter pipelines. They've been doing it successfully for many years. But data to indicate a relation between actual and theoretical flow in large-diameter lines have been lacking—primarily because it's impractical to test long sections of large lines in a laboratory.

Now, actual tests have been made on long pipelines up to 31-in. diameter at Reynolds numbers from 30,000 to 250,000. During the past two years, 15 companies that operate long lines submitted test results to the American Pe-

troleum Institute's Subcommittee on Pipeline Hydraulics.\* The conclusions:

- Predictions published by Stanton and Pannell in 1914 for the higher Reynolds number range have been corroborated in larger diameter pipelines now in crude-oil service. Designs based on these data—particularly for 6-in. diameter and larger—should be sound and reliable.

- It's believed that petroleum products lines, 6-in. and larger, operating at much higher Reynolds numbers, will further substantiate the Stanton-Pannell data, provided pipe smoothness has been maintained. This same basis of design should be reliable for new products lines.

► **40 Years to Prove**—Stanton and Pannell studied the flow of air and

water at varying rates through smooth brass tubes of different diameters. Their work has been confirmed by later experiments on other fluids. Results of tests made on crude-oil lines in the 1920's for 6-in. to 12-in. pipe coincided very well.

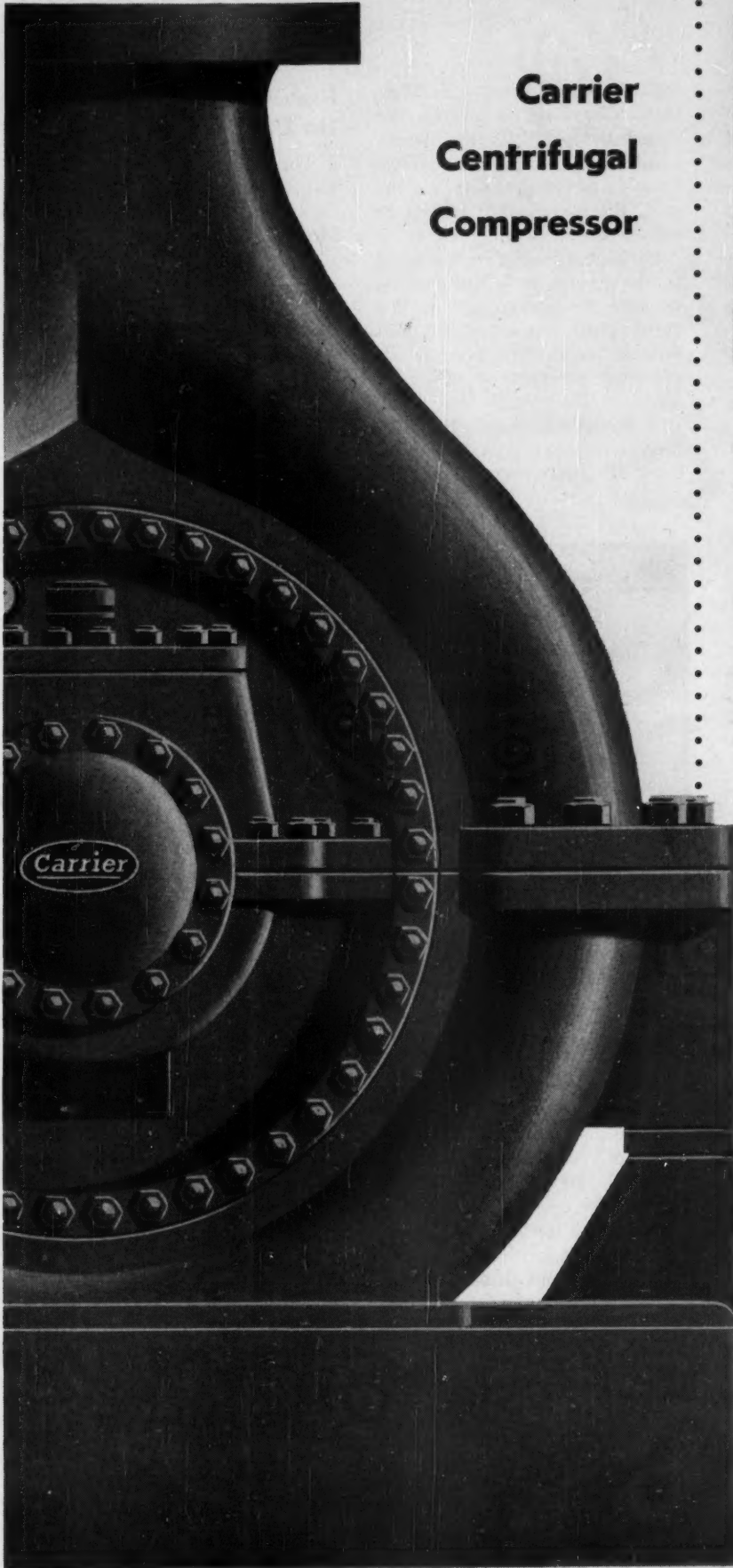
Further confirmation in larger pipes didn't come until the end of 1954. Results are reported on tests in clean-scraped lines—diameters: 12, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 and 31 in.; lengths: 7 to 176 miles; differential pressures: 11 to 1,122 psi.

The original Stanton-Pannell correlation showed a slight curvature but it can be represented by an approximate straight line. From these latest tests a Reynolds number-friction factor equation is established. Although the range is limited, it's reassuring to know that the theory works in practice.

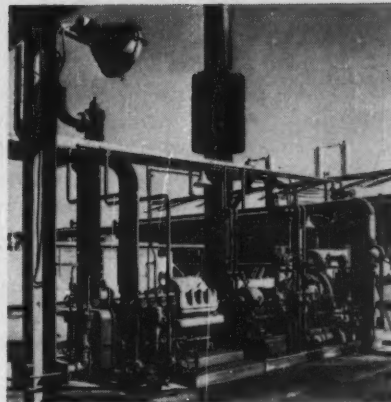
► **Abundance of Formulas**—Unlike the case of streamline flow, there isn't a straight-line relationship between friction factor and Reynolds

\* For data and detailed conclusions see "Pressure Loss in Oil Pipe Lines" presented by W. L. Kennedy, Jr., at the API Annual Meeting, Chicago, Nov. 9, 1954.





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number in the turbulent-flow region. Many approximation formulas have developed since 1914. The lack of agreement is that developers select different points and different ranges on the friction-factor curves.

Also, from the data obtained in these latest tests, it can't be said that there is a correlation between friction factor (or pressure drop per mile) and the size of line.

### New Polyvinyl Acetate Emulsion Plant Rising

Just about to go on stream is the Borden Co.'s new polymerization unit at Dominguez, Calif. It's slated to turn out 3 million lb. a year of polyvinyl acetate emulsions and will be Borden's fifth emulsion polymer plant.

Sharp increase in demand for emulsion polymer paints is the reason for the expansion. According to Augustine Marusi, president of Borden's Chemical Div., these paints already account for half of all interior paint sales. He also points out that the polyvinyl acetate emulsions are rapidly encroaching on the markets held by butadiene-styrene latices, which were first in the interior paint field, and may even replace them in the near future.

### Diamond Takes Over Army Chlorine Plant

Built during the Korean War to prepare for a chlorine shortage that never developed, the U. S. Army's \$21 million chlorine-caustic plant at Muscle Shoals, Ala., has been sold to Diamond Alkali Co. of Cleveland. Purchase price was slightly over \$15 million and Diamond expects to be in production early this month.

The plant, which had only one 30-day trial run after its completion in July 1952, has a daily capacity of 225 tons of chlorine and 252 tons of caustic soda.

In October 1953 it was declared surplus and offered for lease to private industry on a bid basis—

without success. Later, when Monsanto Chemical Co., which designed the plant for the Army's Corps of Engineers, did not exercise its 60-day option to buy the unit, the government decided to sell outright.

Early negotiations were stymied by the government's insistence on retaining the right to pre-empt the entire plant production to meet possible mobilization needs at its adjoining phosphate development works. This stand was subsequently modified and Diamond now says it's in a position to guarantee all supply commitments.



### England Gets First Silicone Production

A \$3.2 million plant with an annual capacity of nearly 700 tons of silicones has been opened by Albright & Wilson at Barry, England. It is the first commercial silicone plant in the country and when full production is reached—probably before spring—it will be able to meet 95% of Britain's demand.

Basically, the plant catalytically converts silicon and methyl chloride to chlorosilanes and finally into the various silicones. These products—rubber, insulating compounds, paints, greases, laminates, fluids and water repellents—will be marketed in England by Midland Silicones, Ltd., a joint subsidiary of Dow Corning Corp. and Albright & Wilson.

### High Court Will Review Du Pont Cellophane

The Supreme Court has decided to hear arguments and then decide on whether Du Pont has monopolized the cellophane industry.

This case began in 1947. The last previous decision came over a year ago from the U. S. District Court in Delaware which dismissed the government's suit for insufficient evidence. The court held that Du Pont's cellophane dominance resulted from "technical skill and competitive activity," not "predatory assertion of monopoly power."

### Lineup Changes Made In Atom Power Study

A request by Dow Chemical Co. to withdraw from the industrial atomic power development project begun by Dow and Detroit Edison in 1951 spotlights the fact that the immediate aim in private nuclear research is the actual design and construction of an economical commercial power reactor.

Dow's decision to leave the project is based on the company's primary interest in the chemical aspects of atomic power and the possible utilization of nuclear reactor byproducts in the chemical industry. Said Dow's president, Leland Doan, "from this point on it is not logical for us to continue participating in a program directed at the development of atomic power as such."

But though Dow is out of the power side of nuclear energy, other firms in or closely allied to the chemical process industries are still very much interested. Most recent evidence is the formation of a nine-company Rocky Mountain Nuclear Power Study Group—the 16th currently authorized under AEC's industrial participation program. Included among the participants are Phillips Petroleum, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing and Fluor Corp. Stated purpose is to study at their own expense nuclear power possibilities in the western United States.

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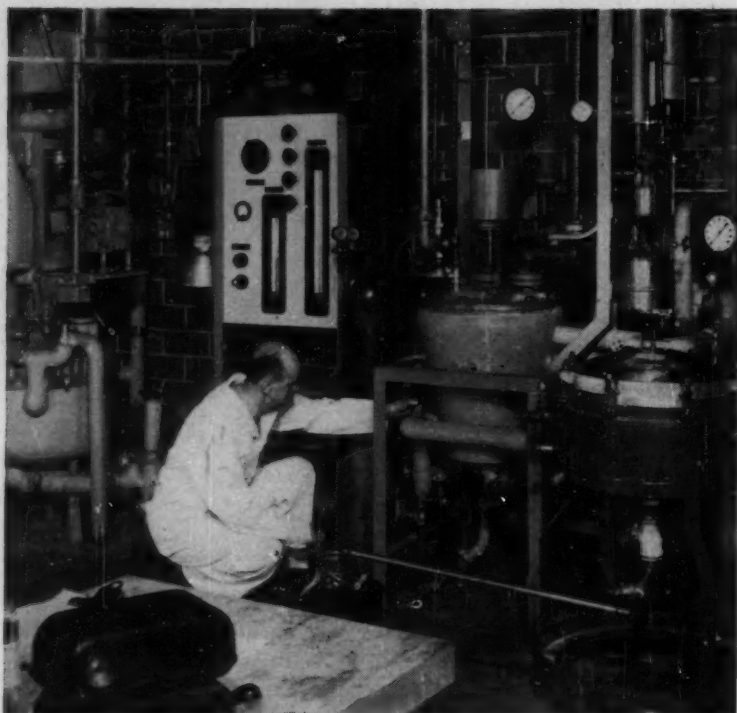
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Shown above is a formula designed to answer, at least in part, this question. Dr. Ralph H. Manley, managing director of General Mills' research laboratories at Minneapolis, Minn., introduced it recently at a conference of research administrators.\*

This formula applies specifically to that phase of research effort devoted to new product development. It can't be used to budget funda-

mental research or improvement of existing products to maintain competitive position.

► **How It's Derived**—According to Dr. Manley, the ultimate profits from new products developed through research must carry (a) the new product research and development costs plus (b) the cost of the new facilities required, and (c) must recover working capital required to finance the new operation.

On the debit side, then, is plant investment  $P$ , working capital  $W$  and research and development cost  $Rr$ . (In this latter term,  $R$  is research and development cost before taxes and  $r$  is the fraction of research and development cost which is not tax-deductible.) The sum

of these three terms, divided by the recoupment period  $Y$ , should be less than or equal to the annual profit, which can be expressed as annual net sales volume  $S$  times minimum acceptable net profit after taxes  $N$  (as percent on sales).

Setting this up as an equation,

$$\frac{P + W + Rr}{Y} \leq SN$$

or

$$R \leq (YSN - P - W)/r$$

► **For Example**—Manley assumed for illustration purposes that a \$1-million plant would produce \$10 million worth of goods per year and that it would take \$1 million of working capital to run this plant. The new business should pay for itself in six years.

Minimum return assumed was 4% on sales after taxes, and 50% of research expense was tax-deductible.

Solving the formula for  $R$ , Manley gets a figure of \$800,000. This, then, is a guide to the maximum amount the company could afford to spend on research and development in order to get into the new business.

► **Real-Life Decisions**—Such a formula is far from perfect, admits Dr. Manley. For one thing, it makes no allowance for projects that fail. Nor does it answer questions like these:

- Would production and distribution of the new product integrate with existing company operations?

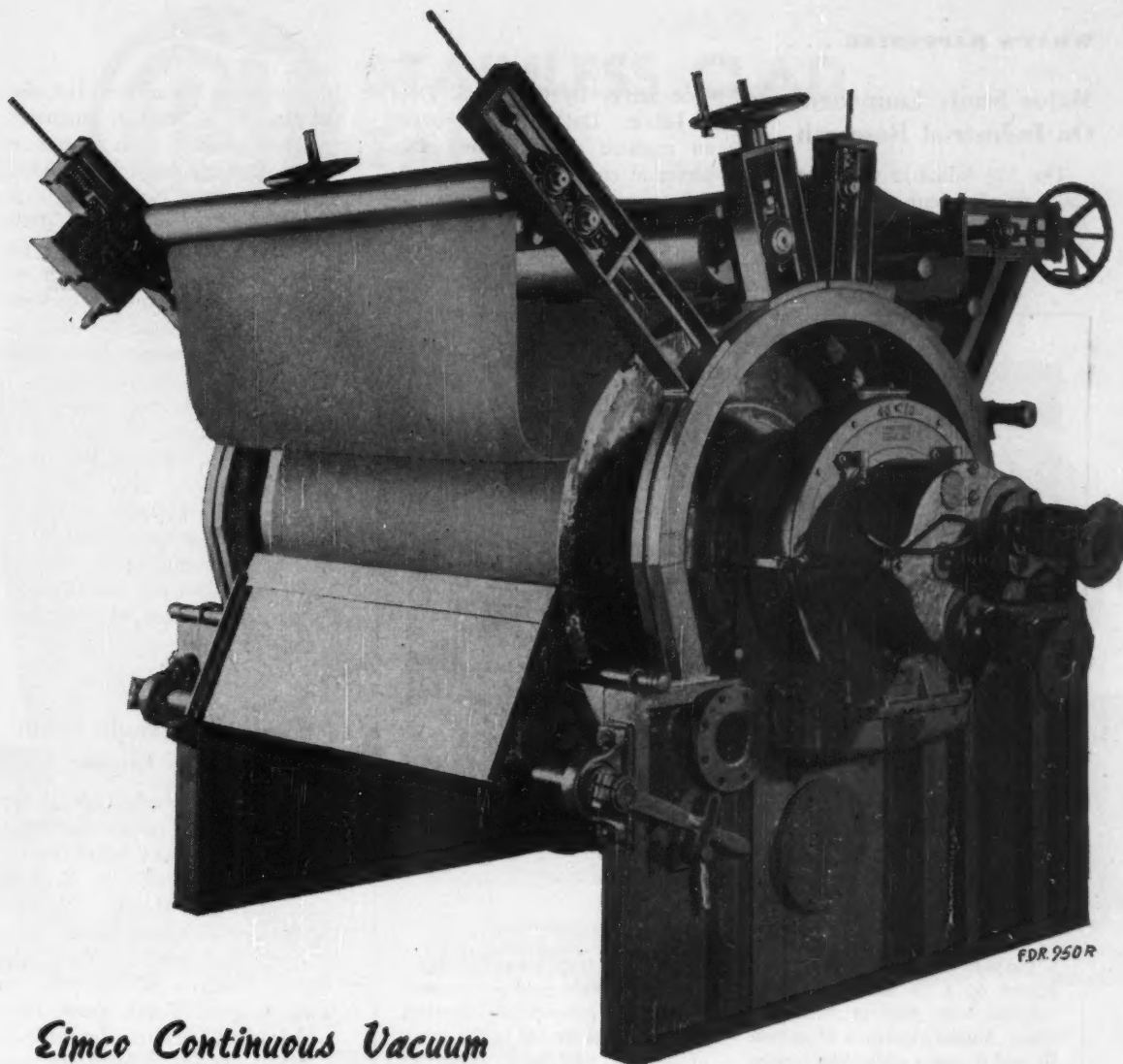
- Can the new product be placed on the market without adverse effect on existing company business?

- Do market research data assure that an adequate market exists or can be developed?

- Are there any issued patents which would prohibit production or sales?

But if the answers to these and other such searching questions are all favorable, says Manley, and if research management thinks that the research team can develop the new product within the cost range suggested by the formula, then there's adequate basis for going ahead with the project.

\*Fifth Annual Conference on Industrial Research, Columbia University, New York, June 8, 1954.



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## Major Study Launched On Industrial Research

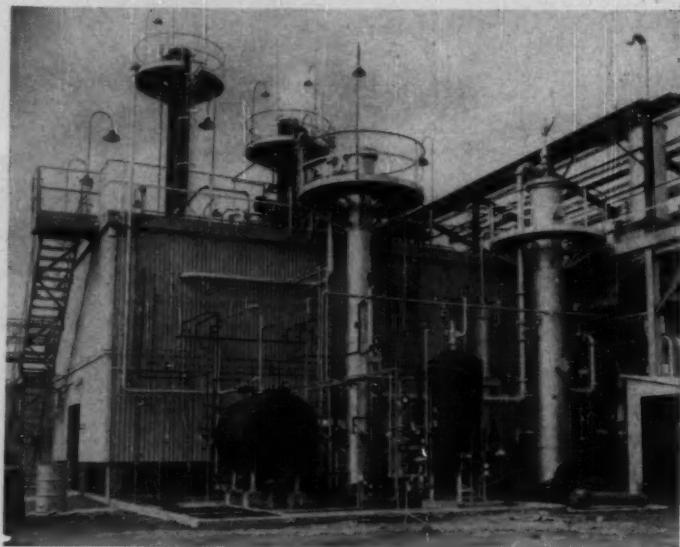
The \$24 billion a year research and development program of American industry is going to be the subject of an intensive, nation-

wide survey by the U. S. Dept. of Labor. Data will be provided on research spending and manpower in every major industry.

Information is being sought not only on the cost in dollars and manpower of research performed

by companies themselves, but also on the cost of research purchased by industry from such sources as universities and research institutes. In addition, the National Science Foundation, for whom the study is being made, will conduct co-ordinated surveys on research activities of government agencies, colleges and universities, trade associations, commercial laboratories and nonprofit research institutes.

Most of the survey is being conducted on a questionnaire sampling basis to reduce costs. But interviews with about 200 large companies are also planned to bring to light any bottle-necks faced by industry in developing its research activities. Naturally, published information will not identify individual firms.



## New PVC plant uses suspension process

General Tire & Rubber Co. has started up a \$6 million polyvinyl chloride resin plant at Ashtabula, Ohio. Annual capacity is 25 million lb. and it uses a suspension process rather than the conventional emulsion technique.

From acetylene and hydrogen chloride, vinyl chloride monomer is made in the unit shown above. Monomer is then mixed with a sus-

pending agent—polyvinyl alcohol—catalyst and water, and polymerized. When the polymer is recovered, most additives are left in the water, giving very pure resin. According to Scientific Design, which designed the plant, the more widely used emulsion process leaves the processing chemicals in the final product, making it undesirable for some uses.

## Nucleic Acid Made From Spent Sulfite Liquor

Commercial production of nucleic acid from a plentiful and economic source—spent sulfite liquor—has been achieved by Schwarz Laboratories, Mount Vernon, N. Y., and the Rhinelander Paper Co. of Rhinelander, Wis. The liquor, which is rich in sugar, is used to grow *Torula* yeast, from which nucleic acid can be made.

Nucleic acids, which are very high molecular weight (one million) derivatives of nucleoproteins, are essential for the growth and proper function of living cells. Consequently this new, practically unlimited source will be important to studies of growth and aging.

## Volume 62—Chemical Engineering—Number 1

*Chemical Engineering*, with which is incorporated *Chemical & Metallurgical Engineering*, is the successor to *Metallurgical & Chemical Engineering*, which in turn was a consolidation of *Electrochemical & Metallurgical Industry* and *Iron & Steel Magazine*.

The magazine was originally founded as *Electrochemical Industry*, in September 1902, and was published monthly under the editorial direction of Dr. E. F. Roeber. It continued under that title until January 1905 when it was changed to *Electrochemical & Metallurgical Industry*. In July 1906 the consolidation was made with *Iron & Steel Magazine* which had been founded eight years previously by Dr. Albert Sauveur. In January 1910 the title was changed to *Metallurgical &*

*Chemical Engineering*, and semi-monthly publication was begun Sept. 1, 1915. On July 1, 1918, the title was changed to *Chemical & Metallurgical Engineering* and weekly publication was begun Oct. 1, 1919. Monthly publication was resumed in March 1925.

In August 1946 the words "*& Metallurgical*" were dropped from the main title to bring its name more in keeping with the editorial content.

Dr. E. F. Roeber was editor of the paper from the time it was founded until his death Oct. 17, 1917. After a brief interim he was succeeded by H. C. Parmelee. Ten years later, Nov. 1, 1928, Dr. Parmelee assumed other responsibilities in the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company and Sidney D. Kirkpatrick was appointed editor.

Dr. Kirkpatrick was named editorial director July 1, 1949, and at that time he was succeeded as editor by John R. Callahan.

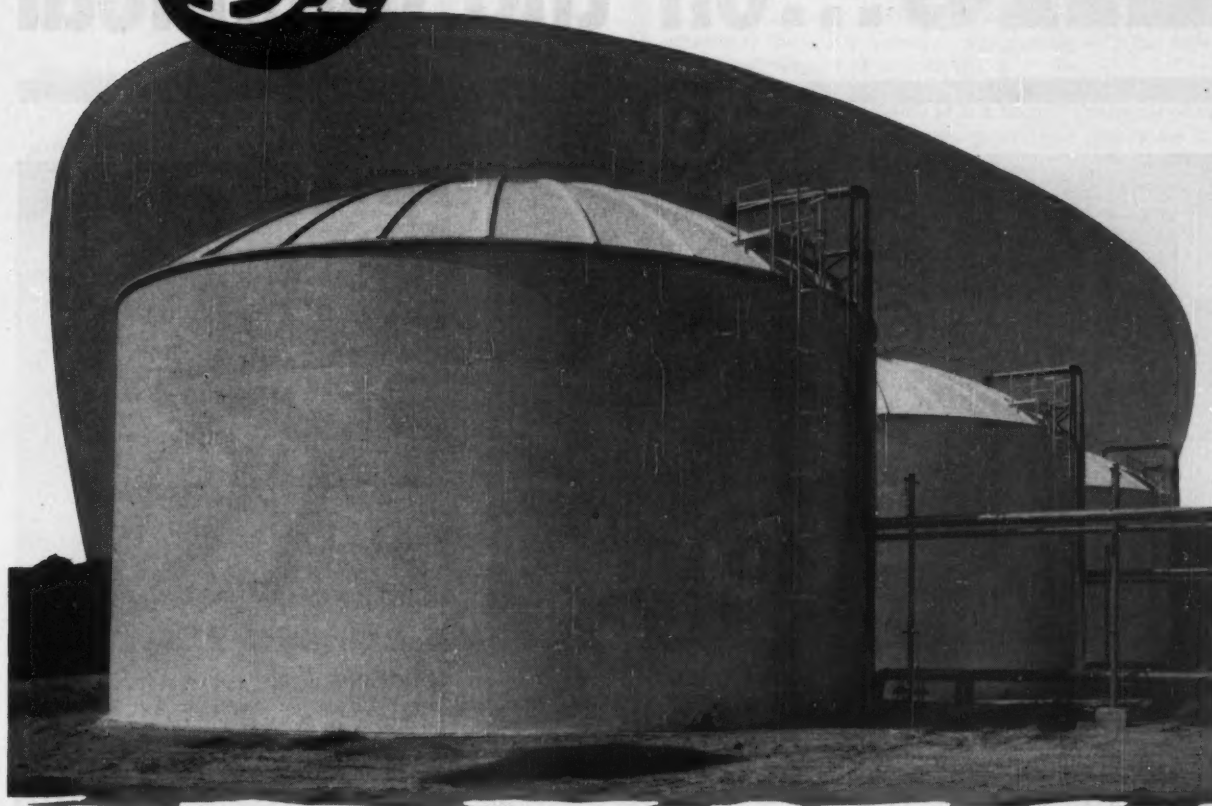
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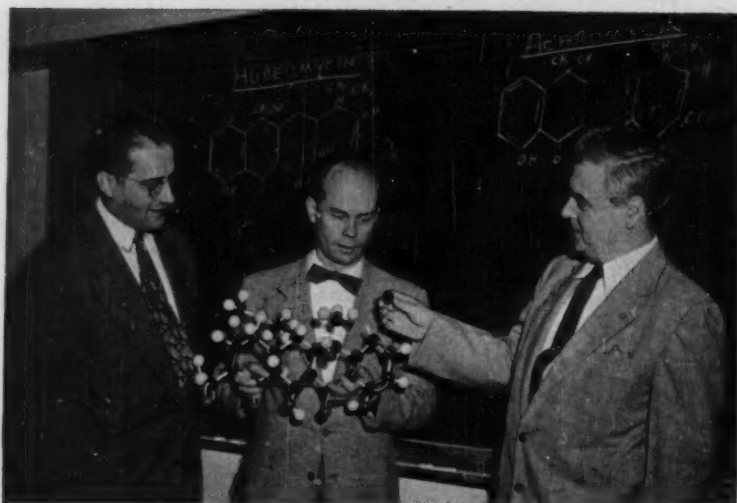
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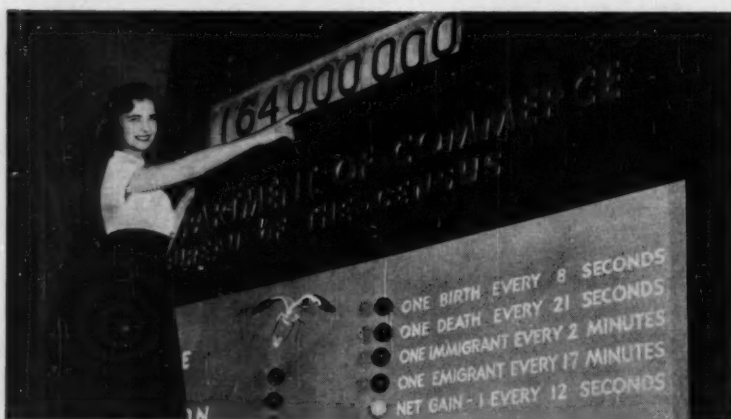


**ACHROMYCIN FROM AUREOMYCIN**—It looks simple here, but removing one chlorine atom from the Aureomycin\* chlortetracycline molecule to produce Achromycin® tetracycline took years of research by many scientists at Lederle Laboratories. Dr. James Boothe, one of the chemists who worked on the problem, holds a three-dimensional atomic model of Aureomycin as Dr. J. H. Williams (right), Director of Chemical and Biological Research, removes the chlorine atom symbol. Dr. Nestor Bohonos, who heads Mycological Research, looks on. Achromycin is produced from Aureomycin by catalytic reduction at Cyanamid's Lederle Laboratories Division.

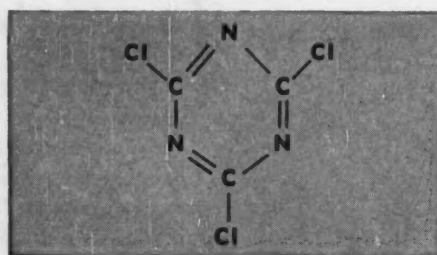
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**U. S. POPULATION** is expected to pass 164,000,000 this month. This Department of Commerce "clock" records population growth minute by minute. Every 12 seconds there is one more mouth to feed! But there is no Malthusian dilemma—food abounds, thanks to good farm practice, development of new strains of plants and animals, and chemical aids for farmers. Cyanamid, long a major supplier of chemical aids to farmers, now produces anhydrous ammonia for direct application to soil, thus providing essential nitrogen at lowest cost per unit. Anhydrous ammonia is used also in mixed fertilizers. (No. 1)



**CYANURIC CHLORIDE** with its stable triazine ring structure and highly reactive chlorine atom on each carbon, offers interesting opportunities for organic synthesis. For example, the chlorines may be replaced with allyl groups to make triallylcyanurate—the basis for new plastics which retain much of their strength at temperatures as high as 500° F. Other cyanuric chloride derivatives are used as therapeutics and as bactericides. Still others produce brilliant dyes, and brighteners for detergents and textiles. When converted to cyanuric triazide, a brisant explosive is formed. It offers many other possibilities for further synthesis. (No. 3)

# Newsfront

**AMINES FOR NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT** listed below offer interesting possibilities. Stemming from Cyanamid's acrylonitrile, all are typical acrylo derivatives. Each has a propylamine group but varies in the other substituent, producing corresponding changes in physical properties. For example, as the substituent increases in size, vapor pressure decreases and solubility in non-polar solvents increases. Effect is seen in use as curing agents for epoxy resins where dimethylaminopropylamine provides rapid cure while diethyl and higher substituents offer greater pot life. These amines are useful in forming surface active agents. Cationics and nonionics are produced by reaction with fatty acids and have been employed as emulsifying agents for waxes and as flotation agents. The amines also are useful intermediates for products such as germicides, pharmaceuticals and dyestuffs. The New Product Development Department offers these amines in semi-commercial quantities. The only exception is the di-*n*-butyl derivative, which is available in trial-lot quantities. For data sheets, samples or price information on any of these amines, a coupon is attached for your convenience. (No. 4)

$(CH_3)_2 NCH_2 CH_2 CH_2 NH_2$   
3-Dimethylaminopropylamine

$(C_2H_5)_2 NCH_2 CH_2 CH_2 NH_2$   
3-Diethylaminopropylamine

$(C_4H_9)_2 NCH_2 CH_2 CH_2 NH_2$   
3-Di-*n*-butylaminopropylamine

$HN(CH_2 CH_2 CH_2 NH_2)_2$   
3,3'-Iminobispropylamine

$(CH_3)_2 CHO CH_2 CH_2 CH_2 NH_2$   
3-Isopropoxypropylamine

$CH_3 O CH_2 CH_2 CH_2 NH_2$   
3-Methoxypropylamine

## "Cogitations"

**300,000 turkeys** are estimated to have been lost last year by death from erysipelas. *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathie* is the culprit, which also produces the disease in swine and an erysipeloid infection in man. A new vaccine, Duovax® erysipelas bacterin Lederle, produced by Cyanamid's Lederle Laboratories Division, provides effective control of erysipelas in turkeys—with the added advantage that there is no danger of infecting vaccinator or the turkey houses as was possible with the former serum and culture type vaccine. (No. 5)

**Anti-static agent CATIONIC SP** is a boon to processors of materials such as textiles, plastics, paper, and glass since it is applied easily and eliminates troublesome static. Added to plastic compositions, it prevents accumulation of strongly adhering dust on the finished products. CATIONIC SP is one of a group of Cyanamid's surface active agents. These polar-non-polar chemicals change the behavior of textiles, metals, oily materials, and fine powders by forming an extremely thin molecular layer on their surfaces. Usually, a very small percentage is all that is required. A Cyanamid surface active agent may be used to change the surface characteristics of a product easily, and improve its properties greatly. (No. 6)

**The ultraviolet component** of sunshine often causes discoloration and embrittlement in lacquers and plastics, checking and crazing in rubber, color changes in dyes and pigments, loss of strength in textiles, and blistering on tender skins. A small group of chemicals (substituted benzophenones) has been found to provide efficient protection against U. V. degradation. In particular, Cyanamid's U. V. ABSORBER 9, which is the 2-hydroxy-4-methoxy-benzophenone, is unusually effective. It absorbs harmful U. V. and converts it into harmless heat without fluorescence. New Product Bulletin #31, giving pertinent data regarding U. V. ABSORBER 9 and other related U. V. absorbers, is available on request. (No. 7)

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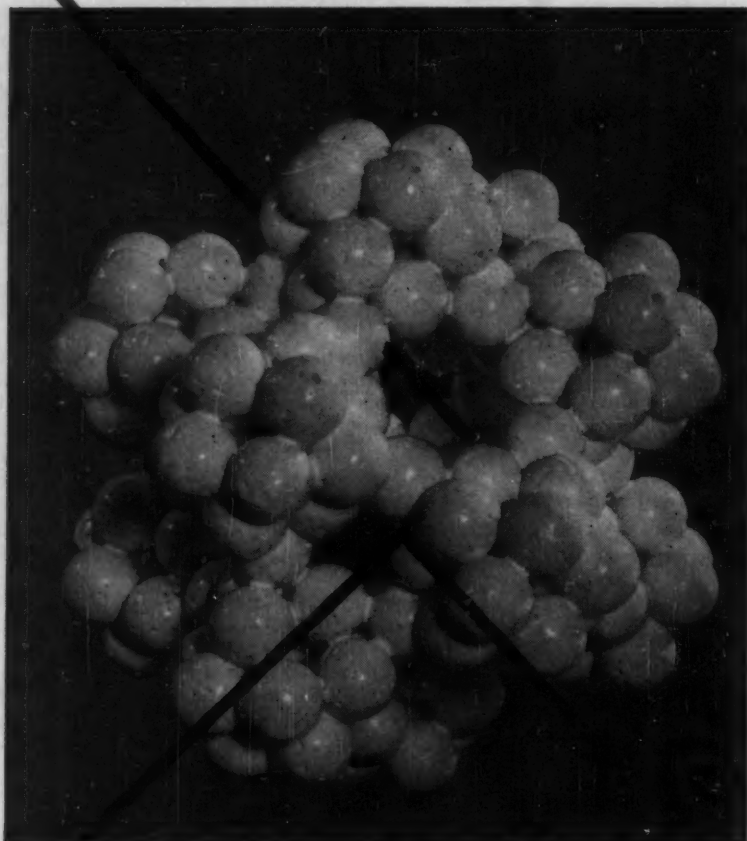
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## Separate Men From Boys

**Uniformly sized pores of molecular dimensions permit Linde's synthetic zeolites to adsorb or reject materials on a novel basis—difference in molecular size.**

Molecular Sieves—Linde Air Products' new selective adsorbent—are precisely what their name implies: they present to a mixture of chemicals a surface systematically dotted with holes of equal molecular diameters. Molecules small

enough to fit through the holes are "adsorbed," molecules too big are thrown off—in a sort of molecular pin ball machine with big and small marbles rolling around, over and through openings large enough to admit only the smaller ones.

Commercial potential of this size-selectivity lies in the ability to separate straight-chain aliphatics from either branched-chain or cyclic aliphatics, or from aromatics, purely on the basis of their respective physical contours.

► **More to the Story**—The "Molecular Sieves" have selective powers that don't stop at sorting small molecules from big, however. Size measurement is merely their first and most significant criterion for separation and determines which molecules will be subject to further classification inside the zeolite crystal.

Attractive forces, acting on the molecules which do get through the pores, produce a screening action which adds considerably to MS' prowess as selective adsorbents. Components most strongly attracted will tend to remain within the crystal—others less affected will tend to "leave by the back door".

Molecular Sieves can, for instance, preferentially\* adsorb polar from non-polar materials, unsaturates from saturates and water from anything else regardless of size or polarity.

► **Moving Up**—This ability to discriminate closely among components of a mixture on the basis of size and polarity could put selective adsorption into the same class of importance with distillation as a means of separating chemicals. Molecular Sieves have, in fact, a significant advantage over the older unit operation and over their fellow adsorbents: they work independently of boiling points, can separate substances with identical boiling points but different molecular sizes and/or polarity.

Even the commonly used adsorbents—alumina, silica gel and activated carbon—are influenced by boiling points, tending to adsorb the higher boiling components of

\* We say preferentially\* adsorb because these last-mentioned separations, based as they are on a competition among electronic attractions rather than physical size, cannot give the sharp cuts that the sieve action does. The equilibria attained, however, are definitely in favor of polar and unsaturated compounds.



Microscopic "Snowflakes" of silica . . .

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a mixture in preference to the lower boiling ones.

► **Still More**—Topping off Molecular Sieves' most important virtues is their great adsorptive capacity at low concentrations of adsorbate and at high temperatures. Linde's product has a higher capacity for water below 30% relative humidity than either silica gel or activated alumina and can adsorb most materials at much higher temperatures than either.

► **Hydrocarbon Separation**—Because of their small and uniform pore size Molecular Sieves can effect separations between organic materials difficult to obtain by other methods. Straight chain aliphatics can be picked almost quantitatively out of mixtures highly concentrated in cyclic and branched chain compounds—*n*-heptane from methylcyclohexane, *n*-tetradecane from benzene.

► **Gas Purification**—Their affinity for polar compounds enables the sieves to remove from gas streams traces of CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, SO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub> and mercaptans—chemicals which poison catalysts, inhibit reactions, cause corrosion, foul equipment, or are toxic.

► **Waste Gas Recovery**—High selectivity for unsaturates plus high capacity at low concentrations and high temperatures add up to the sieves' facility to capture the 0.5-

10% of materials like ethylene, acetylene and propylene which normally escape in the waste gases (mostly saturates) from refineries, chemical plants and coke-ovens.

► **Static Drying of Gases**—Molecular Sieves, with their high water capacity even at extremely low humidities, are suitable for packaging with machinery to prevent rusting dur-

ing shipment or storage, or with drugs, foods and other materials subject to mildew. Far more drying is possible than with other desiccants; conversely, less adsorbent will be needed to attain the same degree of drying.

► **Dynamic Drying of Gases**—The sieves have several advantages here:

- They dry to dew points below -100 F.

- They dry at temperatures of 200 F. and above, can operate without removal of heat of adsorption save on tower cooling.

- They dry efficiently at high gas velocities, give large throughput with small equipment.

► **Drying of Liquids**—MS have high capacity even for traces of water, can give very dry liquids. So demanding is their appetite for water above all else that they can effectively dry even polar liquids like alcohols and amines.

► **Cost High?**—At first glance MS' price of \$1.95 a lb. looks a bit steep in the face of activated carbon (adsorption grade) at 60-70¢ and silica gel at 28-40¢. These figures will not provide a fair comparison where Linde's adsorbent shows promise in effecting separations and material recoveries which carbon and silica gel have not proved capable of or, at best, have not accomplished with the same efficiency. In the drying of gases, for example, Molec-

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ular Sieves' three- to four-fold greater water capacity advantage, pound for pound, over silica gel must be reckoned with in discussing costs. Another example: Sieves' 2-1 edge over carbon in acetylene adsorption.

► **Inside the Sieves**—Linde's Molecular Sieves are not new chemically. Certain naturally-occurring zeolites have similar properties but are too scarce to serve as commercial adsorbents. In synthesizing a satisfactory substitute for the natural minerals, Linde has produced two basic crystalline types—a sodium and a calcium alumina-silicate.

Each consists of a large number of small cavities interconnected by smaller holes, or pores. The sodium zeolite, Type 4A, has pores 4 Angstroms in diameter; the other, Type 5A, measures 5 Angstroms.

The cavities are molecular sized—10 Angstroms in diameter—and constitute a void which is half the volume occupied by each crystal.

► **Conditioning**—Originally these cavities contained water of hydration which was driven from the zeolite crystals without altering their rugged physical structure, to "condition" the sieves for subsequent adsorption. As the molecular water leaves the crystal it sets up electronic forces within the cavities which determine how much of which molecules will remain locked in the adsorbent.\*

Reactivation presents no problems—heating, gas purging and cooling are sufficient to recover any adsorbate and prepare the sieves for further adsorption. 136A

\* The missing waters of hydration are the reason why water is first in line for adsorption when the sieves are exposed to wet mixtures.

## Fibrous Rubber

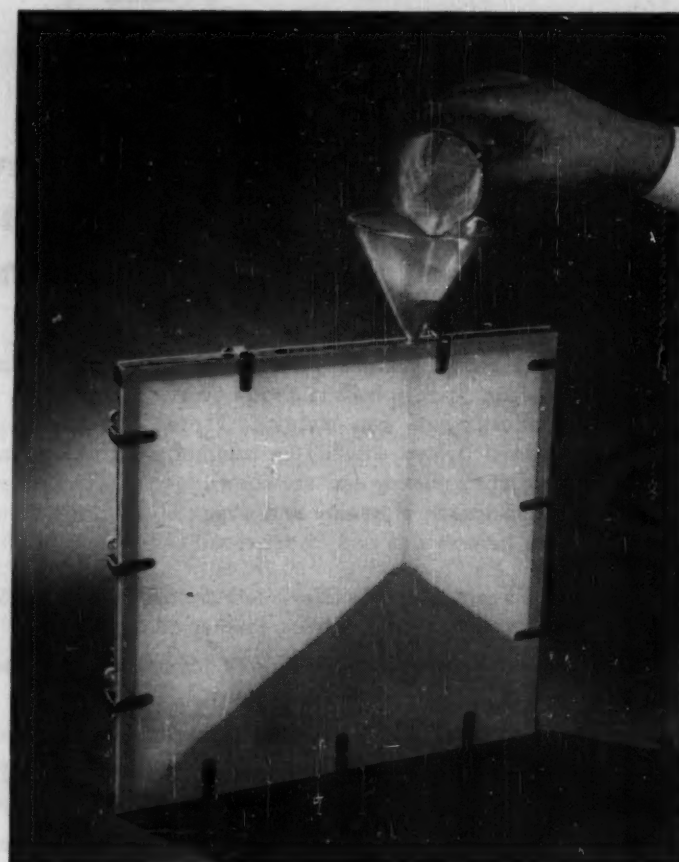
Web-like structure makes highly porous rubber products possible.

Rubber that can breathe—that's the claim for Filastic fibrous rubber. A new physical form of rubber, Filastic consists of many rubber fibers in random distribution and

bonded at their points of contact.

Milling natural or synthetic rubber with conventional curing agents, dissolving the composition in a

volatile solvent like naphtha and extruding the solution into the center of a rapidly moving air stream are the steps leading to web forma-



## Silicone Melts, Foams and Cures in One Step

Three silicone resin mixtures—R-7001, 7002 and 7003—are ready to use as is, contain resin, filler, blowing agent and catalyst. The mixes liquefy, foam and harden by themselves when heat is applied to produce low density foams which are stable and serviceable as high as 700 F., have good electrical and thermal conductivities, and water adsorption properties.

Heat resistance: Stable at temperatures where foamed organic resins fail in relatively short time. Heat distortion point greater than 700 F. Non-flammable in open flame.

Thermal conductivity: 0.3 Btu/hr./sq. ft./F./in.

Water absorption: 2-3% after 24-hr. immersion.

Compressive strength: 100-300 psi at 77 F.; 20-80 psi. at 500 F.

Fabrication: Cast in blocks or sheets of foam; made in sandwich structure; or foamed in place to the desired shape. Can be cut to shape with woodworking tools. Only negligible pressure is exerted during expansion—molds may be light weight and don't need preheating (see cut).

Cost: About \$5 a lb. for ready-to-foam powders.—Dow Corning Corp., Midland, Mich. 140B





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tion (something like the spinning of cellulose acetate and nylon). The air stream disrupts the extruded rubber to form numerous fibers, blows them upward in a chamber and deposits them on a moving screen in the form of a layer which is treated with talc and cured.

So strongly linked are these fibers that the rubber layer may be sewn, tacked, stapled and cut at the edge without forming a running tear. This fibrous structure also accounts for high porosity, low density and resilience.

Filastic would seem to have

much to offer the manufacturer of cushion innersoles, wearing apparel and rainwear which is water repellent yet capable of passing water vapor.—American Viscose Corp., Philadelphia 3, Pa. 140A

### Cut Oil Drilling Time

Mud stabilizer helps achieve drilling rate of 180 ft. a day at mud cost of 90¢ a ft.

Filcon SPF, a new oil well drilling compound, cuts by ten days

the drilling time required by other mud types—such as gypsum and lime—for similar wells.

Five 10,000 ft. Montana test wells were drilled at an average daily rate of 182 ft. using Filcon SPF and carboxymethyl cellulose. Mud costs per foot—\$0.906. Mud properties were stable and holes in excellent condition throughout the drilling despite salt concentrations which varied from 2,300 to 96,000 ppm.

Operating on a new principle, SPF stabilizes viscosities and gel strengths of drilling muds. A high molecular weight phenol formaldehyde resin, SPF has high tolerance for CaSO<sub>4</sub> and salt contaminants, is especially useful for piercing salt or anhydride sections.—Monsanto Chemical Co., St. Louis 4, Mo.

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### Coagulant Peps Up Solids Separation

Industry has a new flocculating agent for settling and filtering water dispersed solids—Separan 2610. Intriguing benefits claimed for Separan in mining operations:

**Higher filtration rates:** The photos above show two vacuum filtration test leaves through which portions of a slurry (50% solids) have been filtering for the same period of time. One slurry portion had been previously treated with 0.01% Separan 2610 by weight of dry solids; the other portion was not treated. Greater coagulation—and faster filtration—of the treated slurry is quite evident from the pictures. Results of this test, if projected directly to industrial dimensions (a valid extrapolation when dealing with plant

vacuum leaf filters), read this way: untreated slurry—1,044 lb. solids/day/sq. ft.; Separan-treated slurry—5,900 lb. solids/day/sq. ft.

**Decreased material losses:** as much as 80%, with product recovery up 5%.

**Effective over wide pH range.**

**Better overhead clarity in settling operations:** as much as five-fold.

**Effective in small doses:** as little as one-half part per million parts dispersed solids. High coagulation capacity permits a thirty-fold reduction in some cases, in the amounts of flocculant needed, and affords savings in terms of equipment.

**Drier filter cakes—**as much as 5%—Dow Chemical Co., Midland, Mich. 142A

### Rayon Bandwagon

Super strength fiber gets big play from three major producers.

Three-count 'em—high tenacity rayon tire yarns are on the market now. First came Du Pont's Super Cordura in July, 1953; then North American Rayon's premium product in August, 1954; and now Super Rayflex by Avisco piles on the bandwagon.

Avisco claims "super strength and improved fatigue characteristics" for its yarn, is pricing it, along with Du Pont and North American, at 64¢ a lb., or 3¢ over ordinary high tenacity rayon.

There's been some interesting jockeying leading up to that price, however. For more than a year Du Pont, with the market all to itself, had been getting 67¢ a lb. for Super Cordura—a 6¢ bonus.

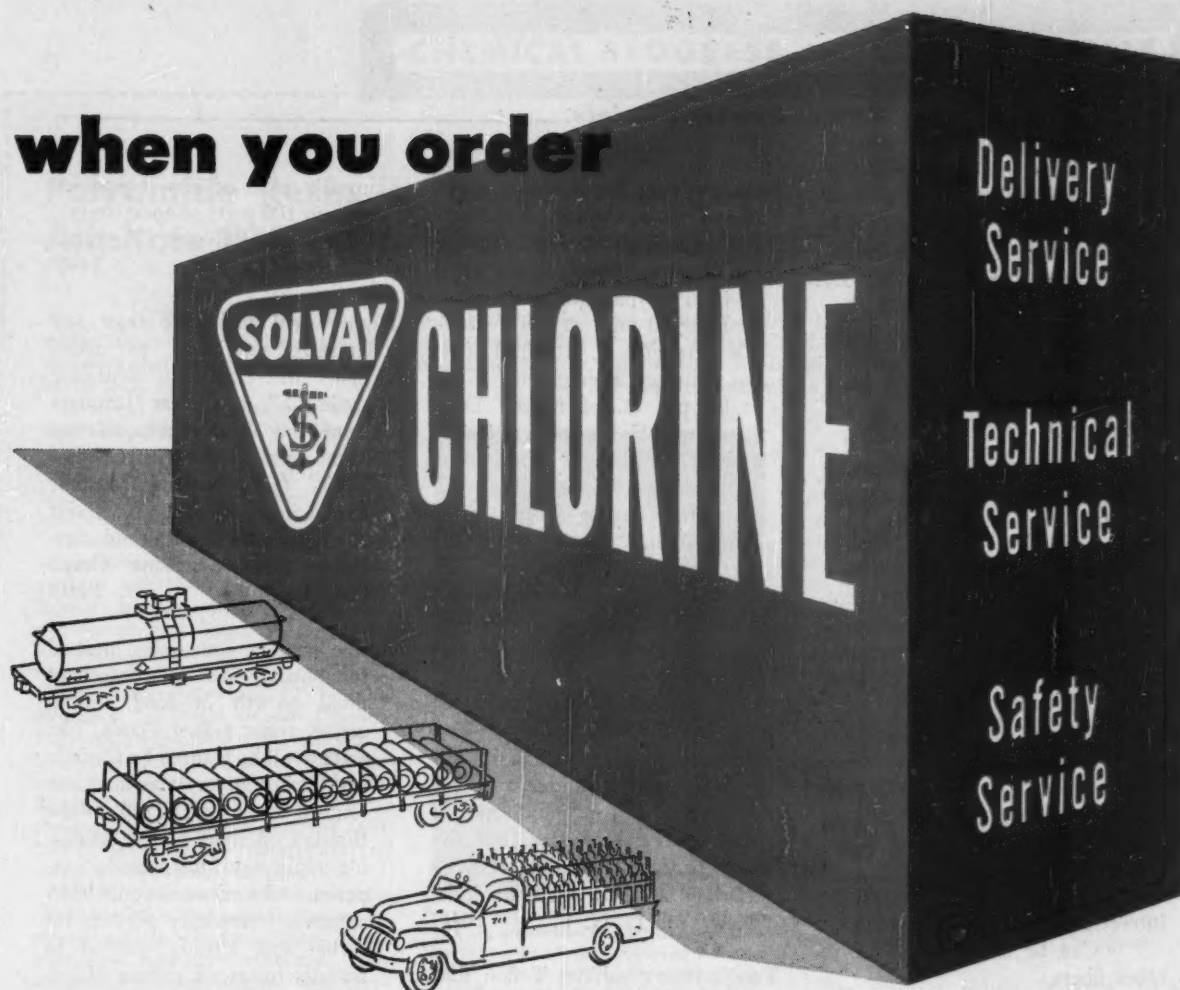
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But within a month after North American came on the scene with a 6¢ a lb. rayon, Du Pont—you guessed it—sliced off 3¢ a lb.—American Viscose Corp., Philadelphia 3, Pa.; North American Rayon Corp., New York, N. Y.; E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington 98, Del. 142C

### Arnel—A New Fiber

Cellulose triacetate will give other fibers a run for their money.

Celanese Corp., its acetate market cruelly eroded in recent years by wave after wave of newer synthetics—nylon, Orlon, Acrilan, etc.—bounces back with a glamour fiber of its own—Arnel.

First announced several months ago—Celanese called it X-100 (*Chem. Eng.*, Sept. 1954, page 154)—Arnel seems to offer plenty to the textile mills and to the consumer.

If you're a mill man you'll be interested to know that Arnel . . .

- Can be blended easily with other fibers.

- Is easy to dye and finish . . . a wide range of colors, all machine-washable, are obtainable with standard dyeing equipment and techniques, and with available but selected acetate dyes.

- Is not too expensive: price of staple Arnel is 55¢ a lb. vs. 34-39¢ for acetate and rayon and \$1.30-1.80 for Orlon, nylon, Dacron, Acrilan.

If you're a consumer you'll be glad to know that Arnel . . .

- Is machine-washable and driable at any temperature . . . keeps its shade and texture, doesn't shrink and stretch.

- Resists wrinkling, keeps its pleats . . . little or no need for ironing after drying . . . wrinkle performance in humid conditions comparable to the best new blends.

All in all, says Celanese, Arnel achieves the best balance yet among performance, appearance, versatility and price.—Celanese Corporation of America, New York 16, N. Y. 144A

## Product Briefs

**Glass-filled silicone molding compound,** Dow Corning 301, outperforms conventional organic molding compounds in the range of 400 F. Typical properties after molding 10 min. at 340 F.: tensile strength of 10,000-12,000 psi.; impact strength of 15-22 ft.-lb. per in. of notch. Dow Corning 301's flex strength ranges from 12,000-14,000 psi. at room temperature to 5,000 psi. at 392 F.—Dow Corning Corp., Midland, Mich. 144B

**m-Phenols with improved color—**less than 2 Gardner initially and only 3 Gardner after accelerated aging—are available through special processing which removes nearly all nitrogen bases. The lighter color of m-Phenols 220 will interest manufacturers of resins for casting and surface coating, metal cleaners, mercerizing penetrants, paint driers.—Carbide and Carbon Chemicals, New York 17, N. Y. 144C

**Tough tape combines Teflon film** with pressure-sensitive silicone adhesive. Called Scotch Tape No. 540, it defies temperature changes in the range of -65 to 350 F., features tensile strength of 15 lb. per in. of tape width and elongation of 300%, and resists many reactive chemicals.—Minnesota Mining and Mfg. Co., St. Paul, Minn. 144D

**An approach to an ideal all-purpose pesticide emulsifier** is Toximul 500. It handles at least a dozen toxicants, using only 3-4% of emulsifier over a range of water hardness of 50-1,000 ppm.—Ninol Laboratories, Inc., Chicago 16, Ill. 144E

**Nylon powders improve abrasion** resistance of epoxy and phenolic resins used in plastic tooling. Addition of 10-25% of powdered nylon ups epoxy abrasion resistance four times and suspends metallic fillers used to prevent exotherms (10 parts nylon hold

up 100 parts of iron, copper or brass in 100 parts of epoxy resin).—National Polymer Products, Inc., Reading, Pa. 144F

**Higher heat resistance** than any laminate developed to date—that's the claim for Synthane grade G-7, a silicone laminate combining heat stable silicone resins with layers of woven glass fabric. G-7 withstands constant temperatures of 400 F. without sacrifice to mechanical and electrical values.—Synthane Corp., Oaks, Pa. 144G

**Sorbic acid** is now being pushed for possible use in control of mold growth in food. Sublimes under a Best Foods, Inc. patent will be granted by Carbide and Carbon to its sorbic acid customers. Commercial follow through on some of the promising applications uncovered in experimental work awaits only FDA approval (temporary permits for sorbic acid already granted to manufacturers of certain standardized cheeses). Sorbic's price—\$2.45 a lb.—is tempered by the fact that only small amounts are needed for effective mold control.—Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co., New York 17, N. Y. 144H

**Synthesis of lysergic acid**—a basic compound in the structure of ergot alkaloids—has been achieved and may presage large-scale manufacture of chemicals—which are now quite rare—important to medicine because of their wide range of physiological action.—Eli Lilly and Co., Indianapolis 6, Ind. 144I

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From Wheaties to industrial chemicals was not a big production step for General Mills. The "know-how" that produced Wheaties played a large part in developing Polyamide Resins and other chemical products.

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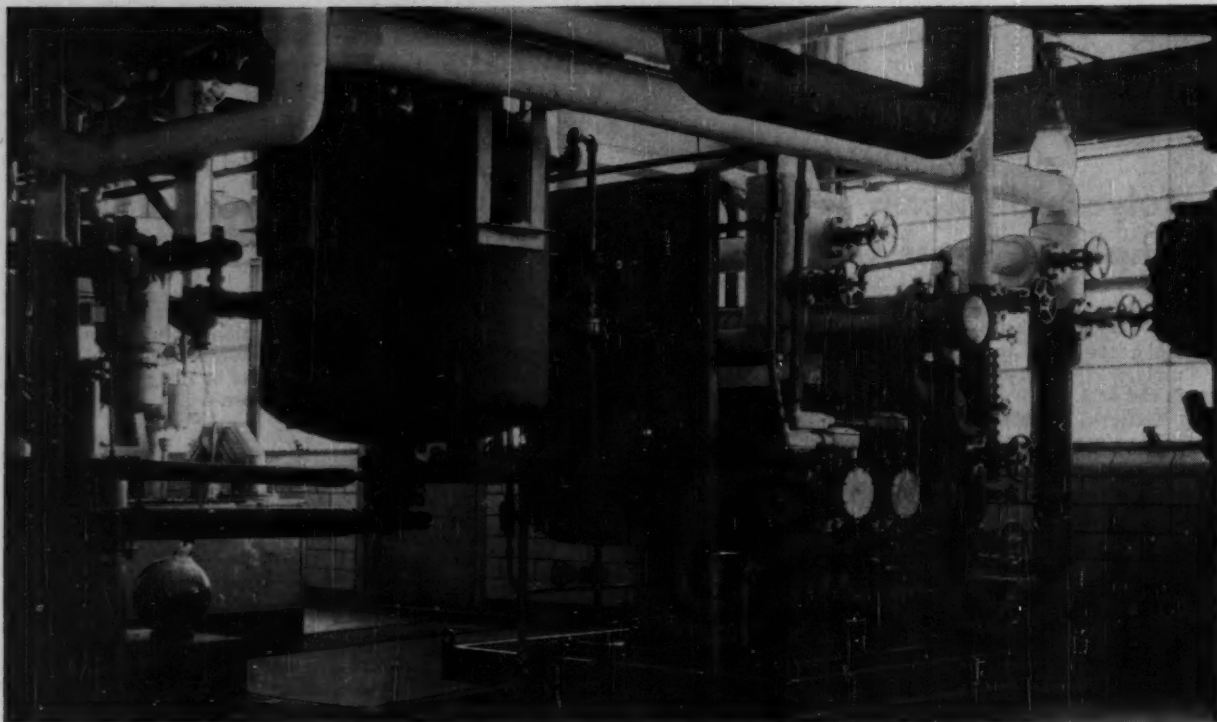
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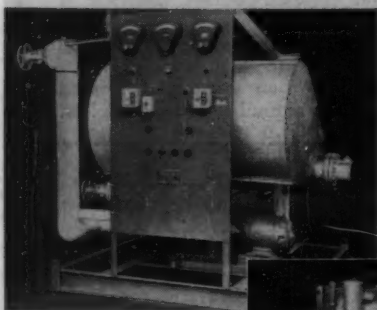
Heating and cooling system in service on process kettle, one of four units installed, for explosion-proof service. (Photo courtesy Kodak Park Works, Eastman Kodak Company)

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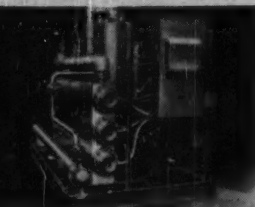
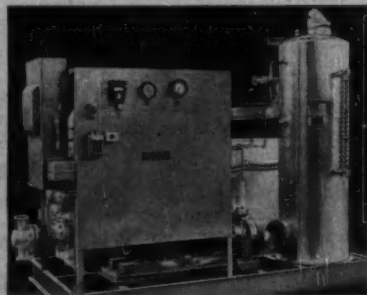
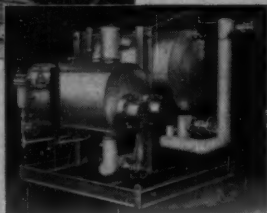
Struthers Wells equipment for indirect heating operations—utilizing electric heat—can be supplied in a range of standard sizes to about 1,000,000 Btu., and in larger units where required. Two types are available: 1. employing a pump circulated heating medium for liquid or vapor heating, which also lends itself to circulating cooling, and 2. utilizing a vapor medium (usually Dowtherm). Heated tank has natural circulation—condensate returns by gravity. Pump circulation may be used for cooling or condensate return.

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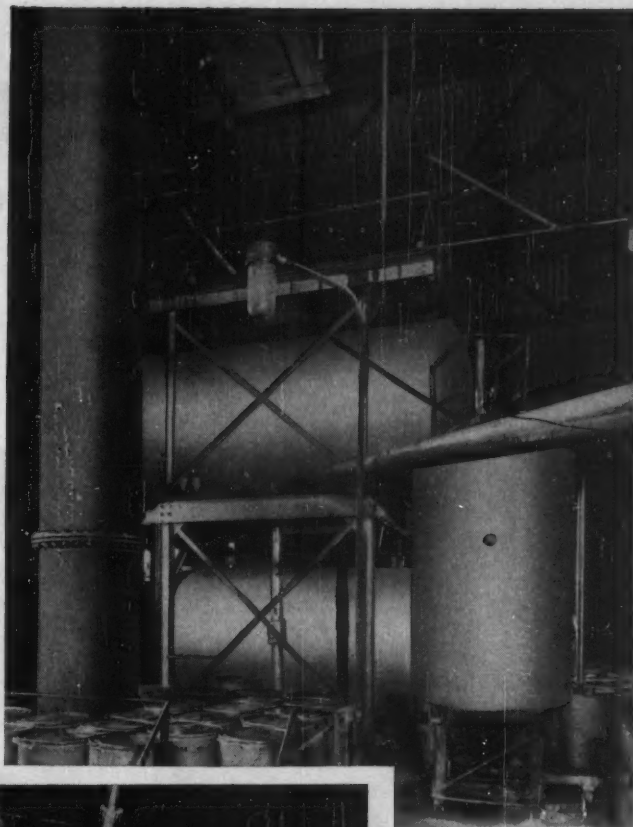
When Pittsburgh Coke & Chemical Company embarked on the manufacture of the herbicide 2,4-D some years ago, they were confronted by some formidable corrosion and contamination problems.

Making 2,4-D calls for the chlorination of phenol to dichlorophenol, then reacting this with monochloroacetic acid to form the 2,4-D acid.

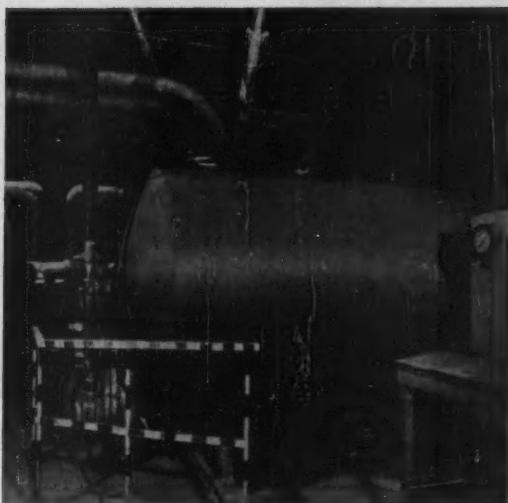
Small amounts of hydrochloric acid form during chlorination, and, together with unreacted chlorine, constitute a corrosion thread which persists through the distillation stage. And beyond the fractionation stage, even small amounts of corrosion products, if allowed to form, will affect color and purity.

When operations were still in the pilot plant, trouble was experienced with corrosion of certain equipment items. Inco's Corrosion Engineers were called in and corrosion tests were performed at various equipment sites. As a result of the tests, nickel pipe and fittings were installed in the system and eventually the use of Nickel and Nickel-Clad Steel was extended to such important items as the still, steam coils, fractionating tower, condenser and storage vessels used in making and handling dichlorophenol.

The tank for weighing pure dichlorophenol and such items as the reactor for making 2,4-D as well as stripping column, centrifuge and dryer are made of another high-nickel alloy, Monel. Most of the equipment has been in successful operation for four years.



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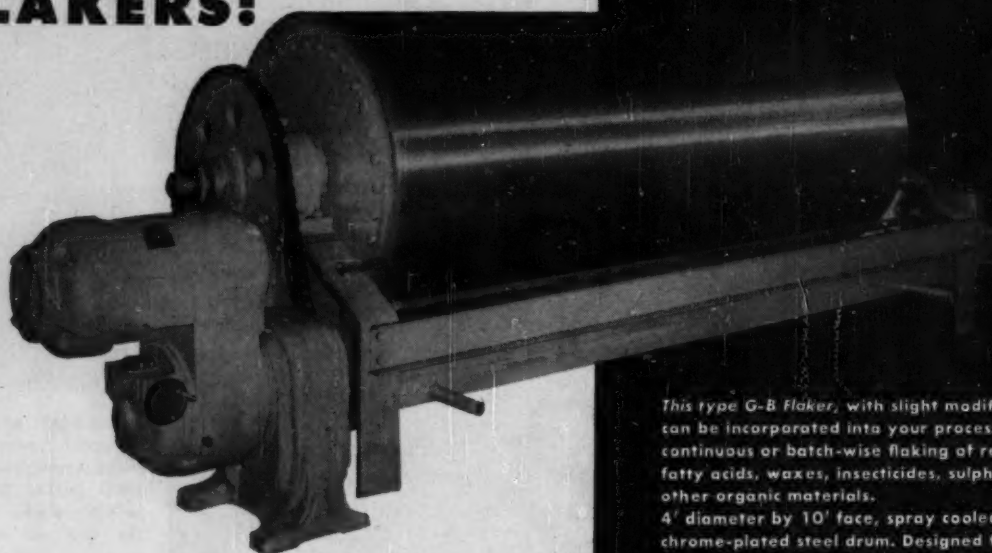
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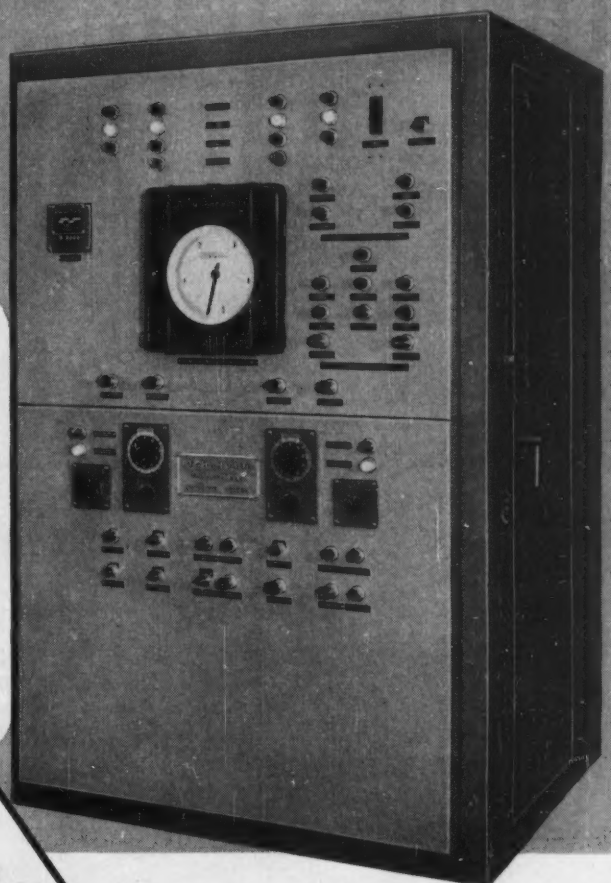
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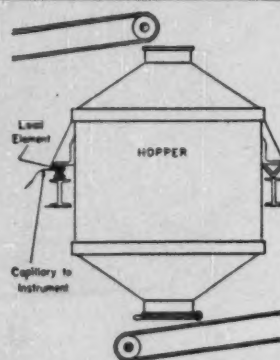
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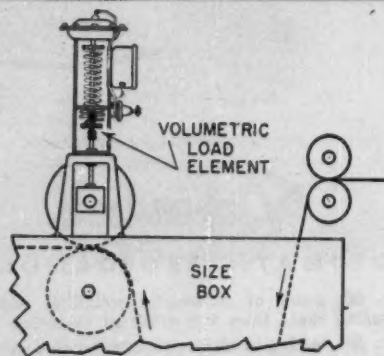
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**Problem:** To measure accurately squeeze roll pressures on textile slathers to insure uniform penetration of size.

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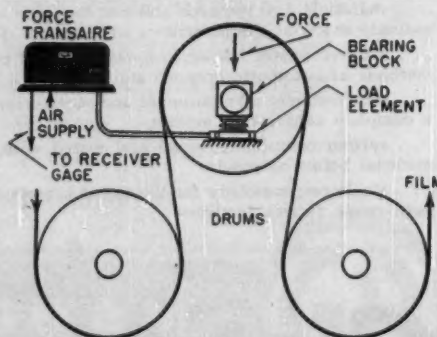
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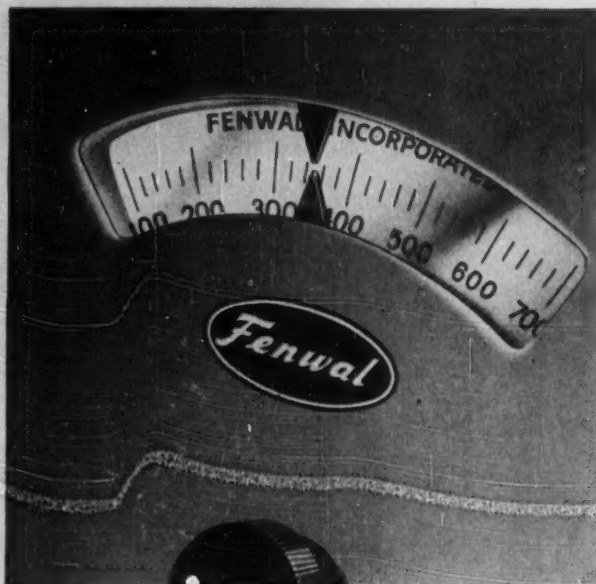
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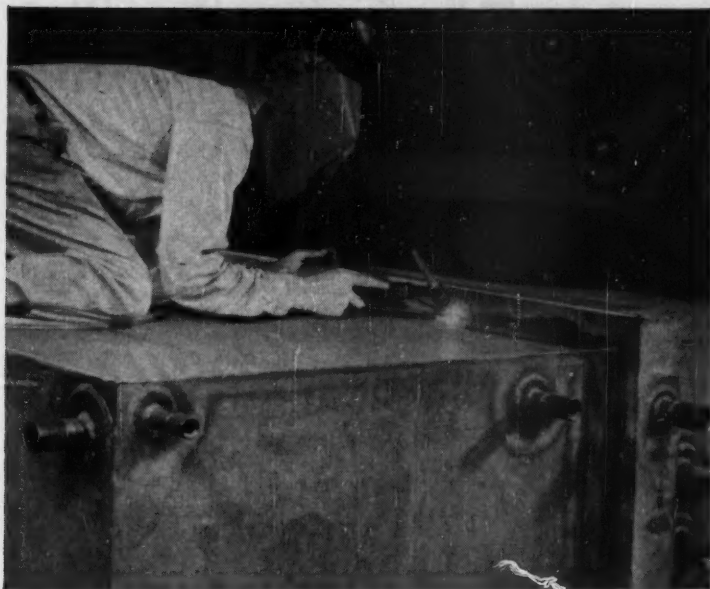


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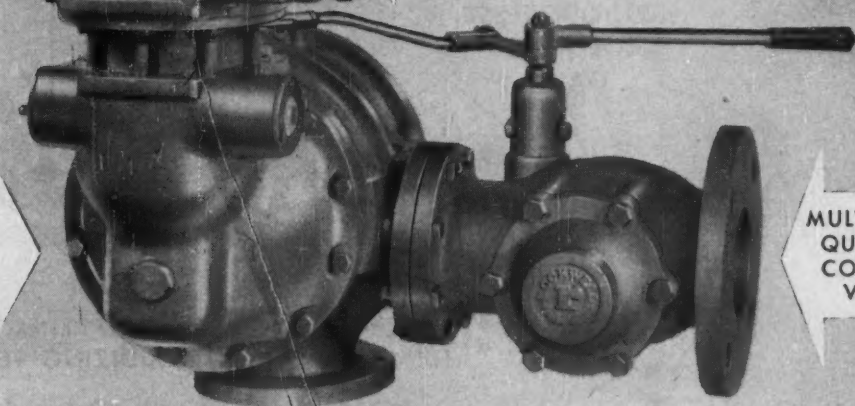
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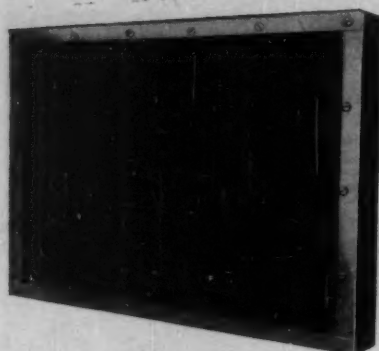
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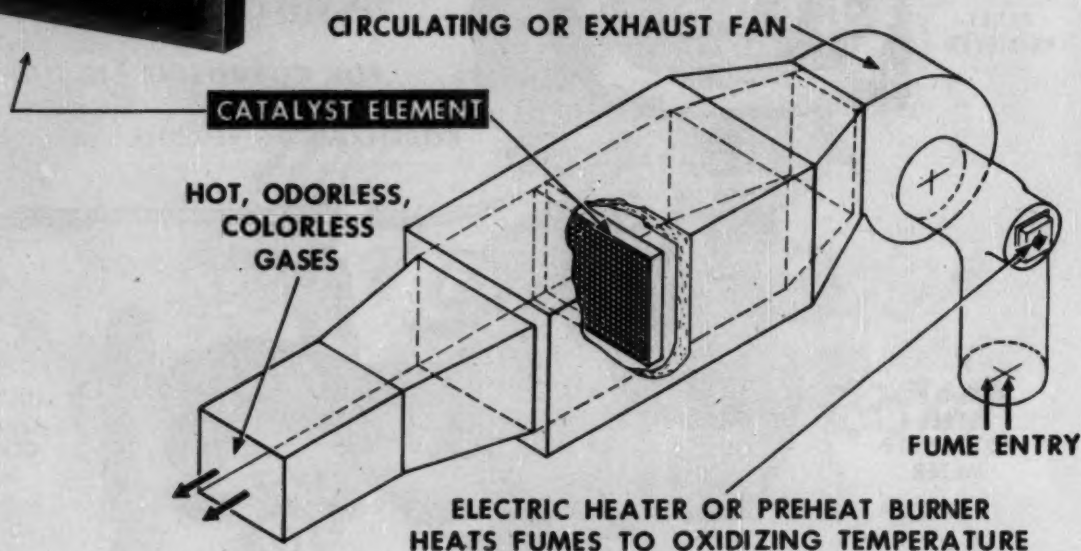
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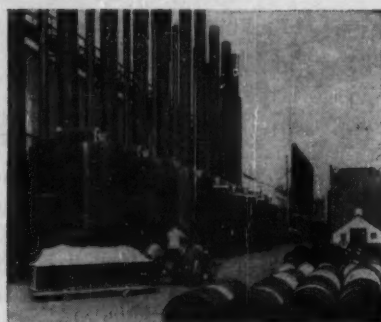
How? By catalytic oxidation on the industrial level. Thanks to a Catalytic Combustion Corporation development which utilizes the catalytic action of platinum and the heat-and-corrosion resistance of nickel-chromium alloys.

The drawing shows fundamentals of a catalytic fume combustion system, and the photograph shows a typical catalyst element, 18" x 24" x 2 3/8", weighing about 30 pounds.

The latter comprises a frame of 18-8 chromium-nickel stainless steel, and 16-mesh screen of 60-16 nickel-chromium alloy (ACI Type "HW"), containing mat of this alloy in the form of ribbon . . . two miles of it . . . 1/16" wide. Deposited on this mat is the catalytic medium, vital metallic platinum.

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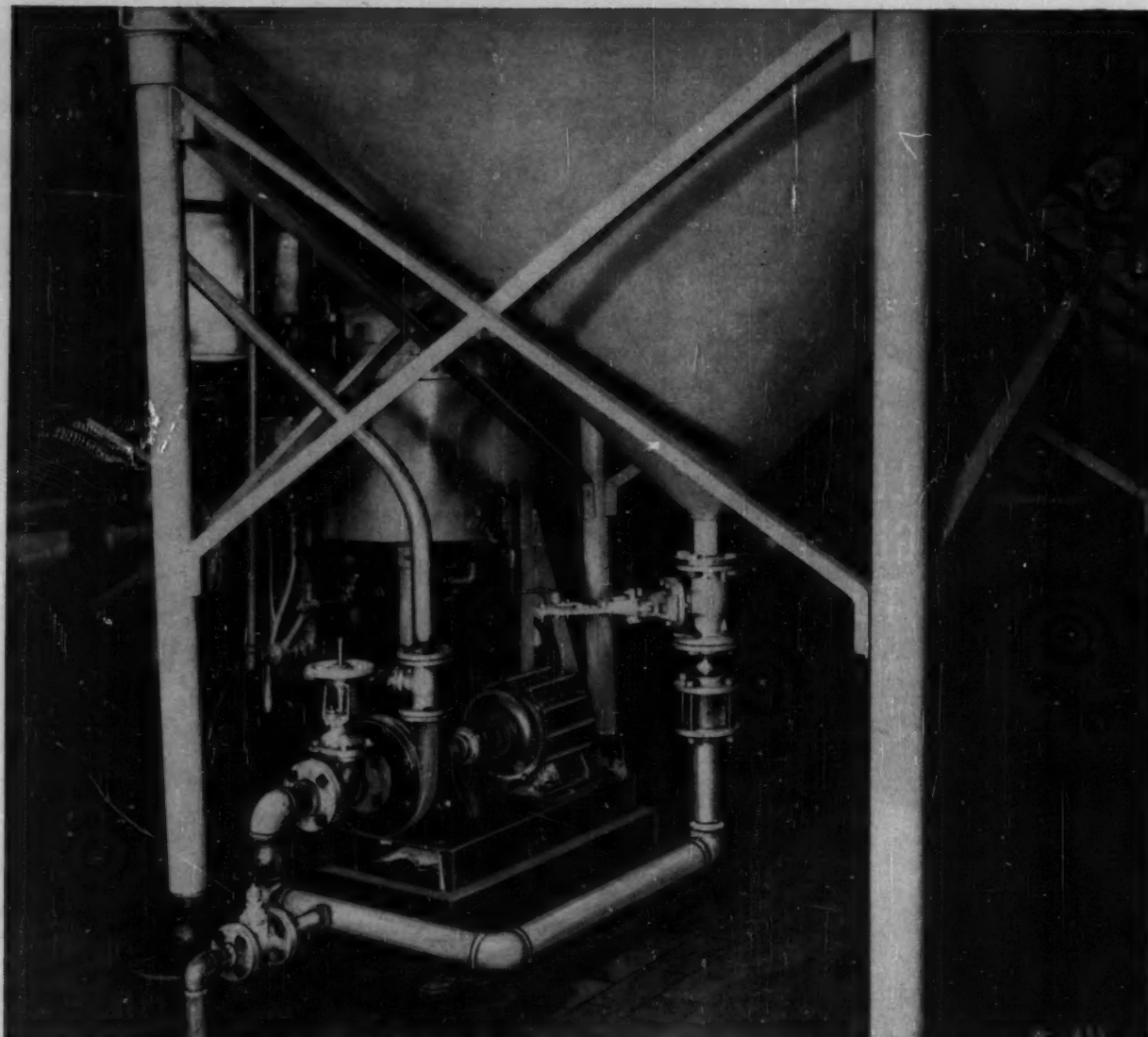
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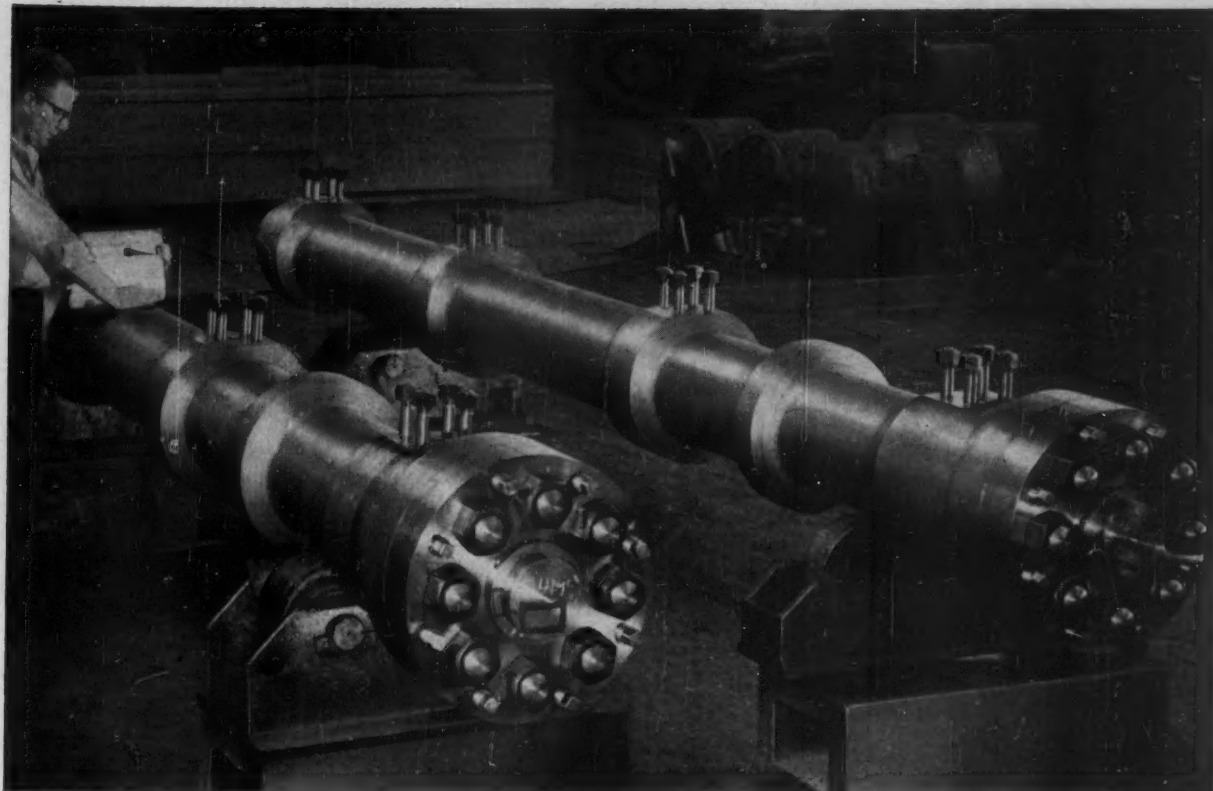
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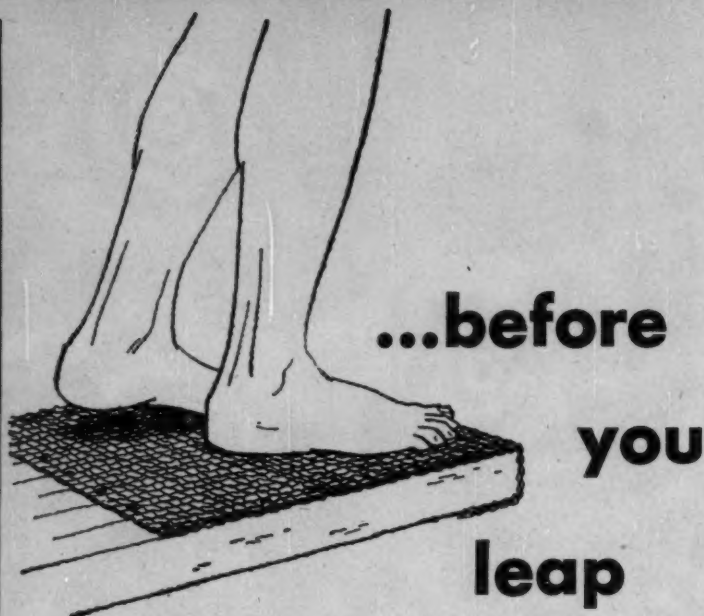
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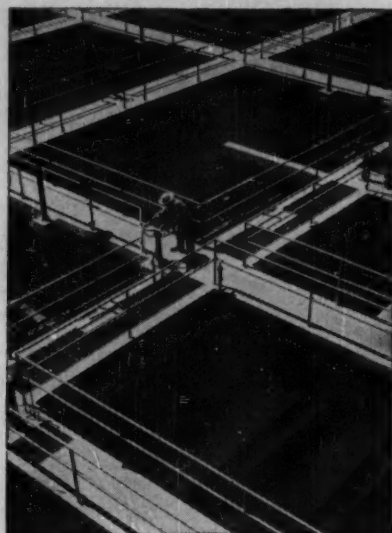


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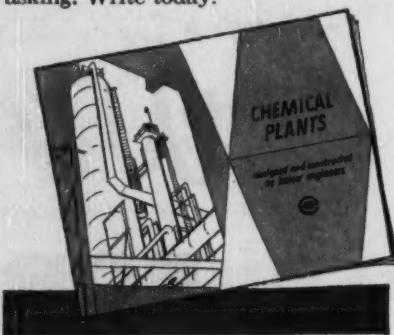
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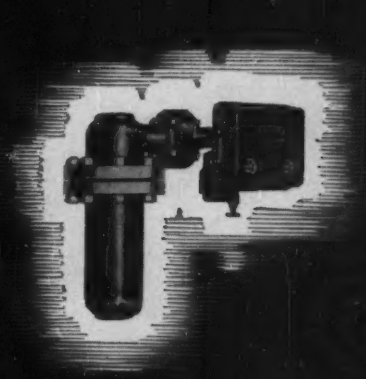


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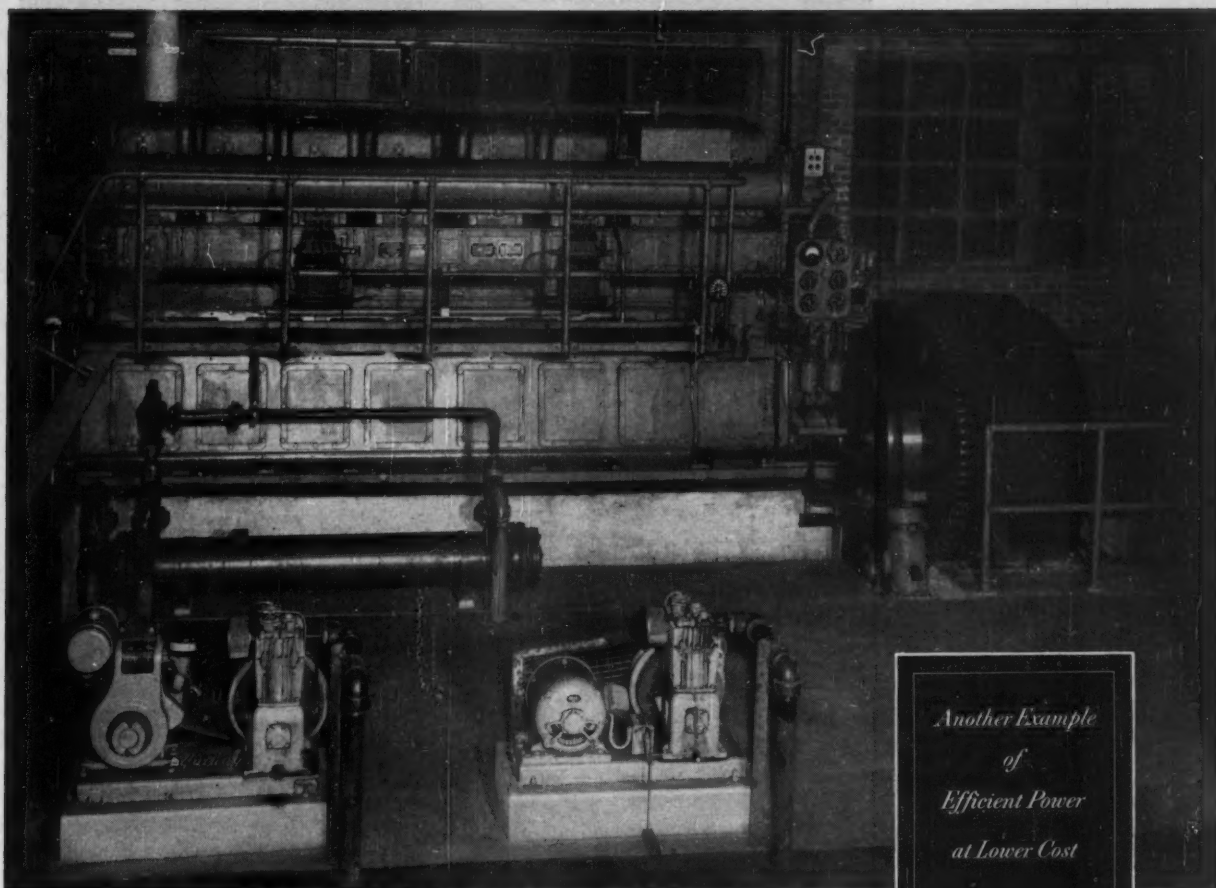
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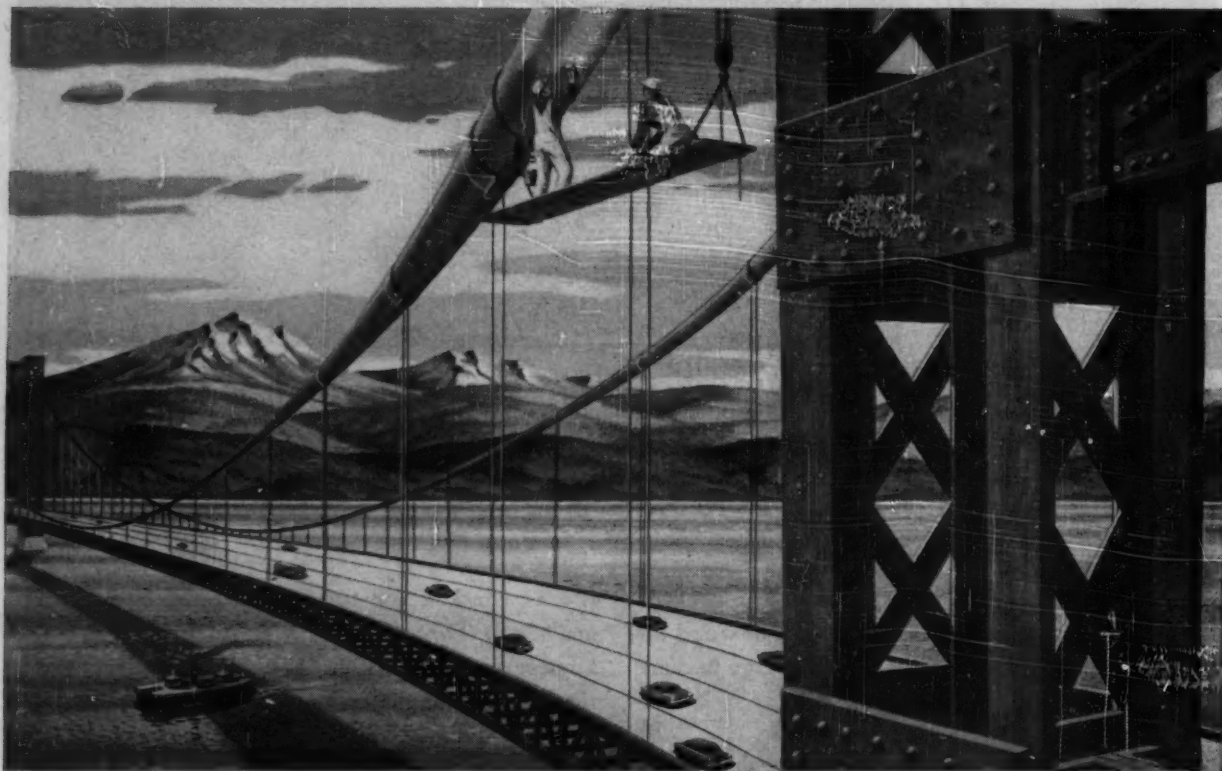
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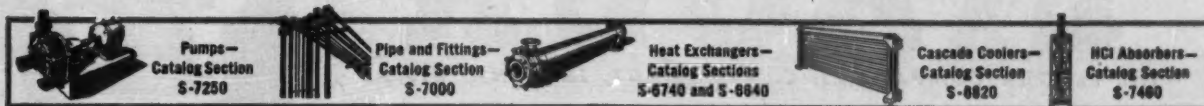
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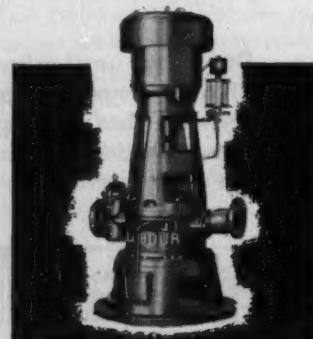
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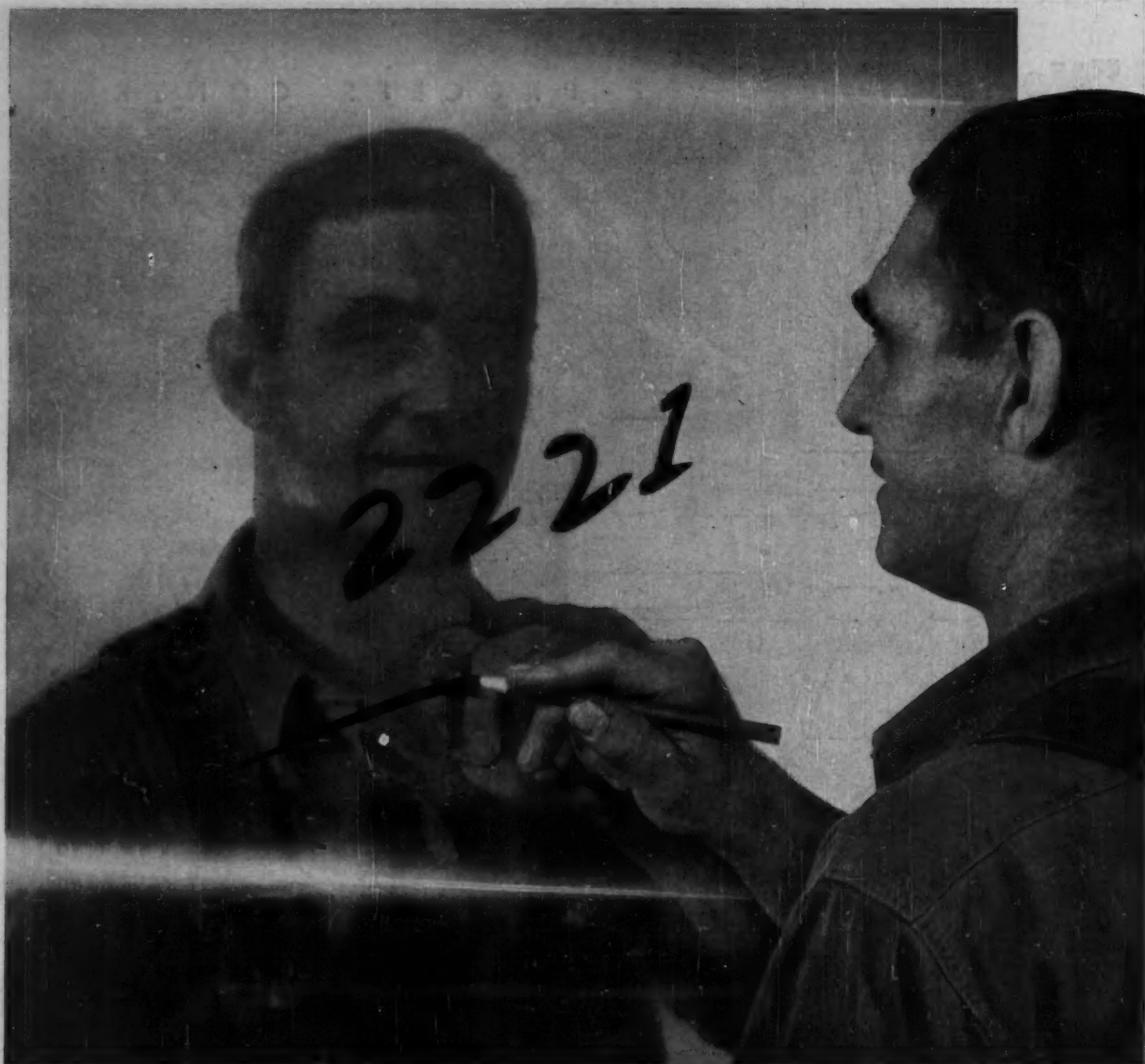
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"I BELIEVE the bosses must make the first move toward mutual understanding between estimators and management."

## Keep Cost Estimates Realistic

Though little explored, the subtle area of engineer-management relations has important effects on the quality of estimates.

### C. A. BUTLER, JR.

Many engineers think they would like to have more to say about running the business. Few realize that they do have an increasingly important say whenever they make a cost estimate. And the manner in which these estimates are made is one of the principal factors affecting the stature of the engineering profession in the eyes of management.

We all know that contractors live and die by their estimates. If they consistently estimate too low, they don't stay in business long. If their estimators play it safe and estimate too high, the contractor doesn't get any contracts. For these very reasons, contractors' estimators have always been respected as the best.

But estimating normally starts long before a contractor is brought in on a project. In making the basic decision to build a plant—or not to build it—cost estimates are playing an ever more important

role in every phase of the project. And they've got to be realistic.

### How Will Management React?

One very important, albeit intangible influence on the accuracy of cost estimates is the effect the estimate has on management—and vice versa. Take a look, for instance, at the reaction to an estimate that turns out to be too low.

Last year I was showing a banker through one of our plants and we had to cut the trip short so he could catch a plane. "I'd like to spend more time with you here," he said, "but we loaned a company about \$15 million to build a new plant and the damned fools have spent the money and need \$4 million more to get the plant done. If they don't know their business any better than that, I'm not so sure we want to loan them any more money."

If the banker thought that about the company, what do you suppose the president of that company thought about the estimating engineers who made the \$15 million estimate? (Continued on p. 172)

BERT BUTLER has been Director of Commercial Development for Diamond Alkali Co. since March 1954. For nine years prior to that he was Diamond's Director of Engineering—deluged by cost estimates.





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### Who's to Blame?

But let's look at the other side of the picture for a minute.

We don't know whether the \$15 million was really an estimate or just a guess. Maybe the engineering department didn't have time to do a good job. Or maybe there were a lot of plan changes after the estimates were made.

In any case, somewhere along the line there must have been a lack of communication between management and the estimators so that management didn't know they had a bad estimate.

A lot depends on how management acts toward the estimate. If the estimator is sure he's going to be raked over the coals if actual costs exceed the estimate, his reaction is going to be to play it safe and make his estimate high. On the other hand, if he knows the bosses are all enthused about a project, he doesn't want to throw cold water on it with a high estimate even if the high estimate is realistic. He's likely to shade it on the low side.

This is particularly true if an earlier estimate has caused remarks from upstairs to the effect that the job couldn't possibly cost that much, that the engineers must be playing it safe. I don't believe any of us realizes how much psychological pressure affects our estimating work without our even knowing about it.

### Can You Be Perfect?

Recently, a man had to make an estimate for insurance purposes in about half an hour on repairing a boiler that had been wrecked by a furnace explosion. He came up with a figure of \$100,000. The complete repair job actually cost less than \$104,000.

Now of course a quicky that comes so close has a lot of luck in it. But I think there are some other factors that contributed to the accuracy of that estimate.

In the first place, the boiler was new and there were accurate cost records on each phase of its construction. Second, the estimate was only going to be used as a guide and nobody was going to holler if it wasn't quite correct. If it was low, the insurance company would pay the actual cost; if it was high, nobody was going to argue because the boiler had to be fixed anyway.

Also, the estimator knew exactly what the boiler would look like when it was rebuilt. This is extremely important. Sometimes we estimate one plant and by the time it's built it doesn't look much like the unit on which we based our estimate.

So here was a man with good cost data, a fixed design and no undue pressure that might cause him to shade the estimate up or down. Even though time was short, it was still possible to make a good estimate.

Now I know it's seldom possible to operate under such nearly ideal conditions. But when there's mutual respect between management and estimating engineers, together with proper understanding of each other's problems, it should be possible to remove undesirable pressures, freeze design specifications and have sufficient information for an accurate estimate to be made.

Those who work on a project must have faith in the estimates so that every attempt will be made to design and build the job for no more than the estimated cost.

### Maximum Accuracy Needed

I believe the bosses must make the

first move toward mutual understanding between estimators and management. And because of this responsibility, it's important to understand why management insists on greater estimating accuracy than they did 10 or 15 years ago.

An executive must look at an appropriation request not merely as an amount of money to be devoted to a stated project, but rather as a request for apportionment of the company's assets. The project must be viewed in the light of the company's aim to invest wisely the resources entrusted to it by stockholders. Projects must be chosen that will make the most money consistent with security and the future of the business.

Let's consider a project that overran the estimate but made a little money anyway. It still may have been a mistake to build it. If the actual cost had been known it might have been rejected in favor of a more attractive proposal. No executive can do a smart job without reliable cost figures on proposed projects.

Of course, this has always been true. But a few facts will show how the importance of estimates has increased in the last few years.

A chemical plant that cost \$10 million in 1940 would cost over \$22 million today. True, value of output has gone up, too, but investment costs have increased 125%, while value of product is up only 48% and manufacturing costs have increased 54%.

Profit before federal income tax would be nearly the same in dollars. But it takes 225% as much money to build the plant and supply working capital. With increased taxes the actual profit is 32% less than in 1940. The decrease in return on operating investment is staggering—less than 4% today as against nearly 13% in 1940.

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*"Overestimating has hazards and it takes a lot of moral courage to keep from making estimates too high."*



In an alarming manner, this shows what has happened. Back in 1940 you could make a large return on properly selected investments. If a plant made little or no profit, the stability of the company was not too adversely affected.

But under present conditions there are only a few projects that make enough to attract investment capital. If an ill-advised decision is made which results in a plant being built that produces low return or loss, it's nearly impossible to offset it by building another plant that will make a handsome return. Management just can't afford ill-advised decisions.

The two factors chiefly responsible for decreased returns are higher taxes and higher construction costs. Analyzing the effect of each we find that increased construction costs make today's return on investment 54% less than in 1940; increased taxes account for only a 38% reduction in the return.

I wonder if engineers and estimators might possibly be in even more hot water about such things as construction overruns if the bosses weren't so busy growling about high taxes that they didn't remember that increased investment costs are doing a lot more damage to the return on their investment than increased income taxes have done.

### **The Engineer's Responsibility**

To be of greatest use, estimates cannot be too high or too low. In fact, the only way to make an estimate on which it's really safe to make a major decision is after complete engineering design, including preparation of detailed drawings. With proper cost data from previous jobs and complete bills of materials, a firm estimate can then be made.

This means the boss must bear some of the blame for poor estimating when an engineer is told to make an estimate without the opportunity to complete the engineering.

Of course there are many times when estimates are demanded based on extremely meager information. And in such cases the engineer is not relieved entirely of responsibility. It's up to him to point out, when presenting the estimate, any probable inaccuracy due to lack of time.

It is possible, though obviously hard, to determine the effect of incomplete design and missing data on the probable accuracy of estimates. And if a frank statement of this probable error is presented, the boss can make his decision with full knowledge of the chances he's taking.

For instance, if a project is presented as one that probably will cost \$4 million but due to lack of information could quite easily cost as much as \$5 million, no one has the right to complain very bitterly if the actual cost is 25% more than the authorized \$4 million.

But if an engineer is told to get an estimate in by next Friday and simply sends it in cold, he really has little right to use short time as an alibi if an overrun does occur. If in an extreme case the proposition is presented with the possibility that it may run over by 25-100%, management is very likely to come back with orders that the necessary work be done to make a more accurate estimate possible.

### **Don't Be Afraid**

It may be that some estimators hate to admit, even under adverse conditions, that their estimates aren't accurate. The only reason I can see for the fact that so many estimates are submitted as "good" when the es-

timator knows they are based on insufficient data is simple neglect to include a statement of possible maximum cost in addition to the best estimate.

Remember, the spread between maximum and expected figures should be the most useful way to impress on the dollar-conscious executive the chances he's taking.

Complete frankness by the estimator will also tend to minimize the chances of management trying to make mental corrections based on past jobs, or, worse yet, on hunches. In some firms executives are known to always add or subtract from estimates on an arbitrary basis and the estimators try to allow for this. In such cases the whole process of making an interpretive estimate degenerates into a sort of guessing contest and complete confusion.

### **Overestimating Has Hazards**

The best way for an estimator to keep out of trouble is to make sure his estimates are high enough. But it takes a lot of moral courage to keep from making them too high.

Estimates must serve as a guide in deciding which of several possible projects should be chosen. So an estimate that's too high might easily cause the boss to turn down an attractive proposal. Under present economic conditions, there are so few really good projects that it's a serious error to reject one for any reason.

Overestimating is also very likely to lead to waste in design and perhaps in construction, too. On a job where there is apparently plenty of money, it's just human nature not to watch costs as closely as on one where everyone has to be on his toes to get the project done within the allotted amount. (Continued on p. 174)





*"Overestimating, though not quite as great a sin as underestimating, is still something to be avoided."*

*"Good though they may be, there must be a definite responsibility for meeting the estimates."*

And waste often starts on the drafting board because without the necessity of keeping within a tight estimate, the project can be overdesigned and too many frills included. Money wasted in construction is seldom recoverable. It becomes a burden on earnings until the plant has been abandoned or amortized. On the other hand, if waste is discovered in operation, there's usually some way to reduce or eliminate it. For this reason, the importance of guarding against waste in design and construction is greater than the importance of guarding against waste in operation.

It must be concluded, then, that overestimating, though not quite as great a sin as underestimating, is still something to be avoided.

There is great temptation to overestimate because criticism seldom materializes. A high estimate usually results in a job not being built, so no one ever has proof that the estimate really was substantially high. So, though overestimating may be comparatively safe practice for the estimator, it's not good for the company whose management is making decisions based on those estimates.

### Fix Responsibility

Of course, it's management's duty to supply estimators with enough accurate information from cost records on previous jobs or other available sources. It's then the engineer's duty to present estimates which are as accurate as possible, but which are perfectly frank on any short-comings. When this has been done, there will be a much increased respect for estimates.

But good though they may be, there must be a definite responsibility for meeting the estimates.

In a job done under desirable

conditions, fixing responsibility is usually not too hard. A preliminary estimate usually results in authorization for engineering only. The designer is encouraged to be as economical as possible by the knowledge that if he's not, the project when finally estimated will cost so much it can't be built. The final estimate in this case should be made by the people responsible for construction.

And in this connection engineers shouldn't feel too badly if they spend months completely engineering a job that is not built. Their work is carrying the job to a point where it can be estimated accurately is not at all wasted. It has resulted in keeping the company out of an unattractive project.

But what about the rush job that won't allow complete engineering before authorization? Well actually, it's not really much harder to fix the responsibility.

At the early stage, the design engineer and the construction engineer have a joint responsibility to meet the estimate. In order to fix the final responsibility it is necessary, even though the project is already authorized, to make a complete and detailed firm estimate as soon as drawings and bills of materials are complete.

If this estimate is higher than the authorized amount, the increase is due to things that happened during the design, although not always the fault of the design engineer. The construction engineer should then expect to build the job for the amount in the firm estimate.

When a job is authorized with really meager information, an approximate estimate should be made as soon as the general principles of design are determined—flow sheets completed, principal equipment sized and priced. Such an estimate is a pretty good indi-

cation of whether the amount authorized is adequate.

### What's Ahead?

It's unfortunate that during recent years, when the importance of estimating has been increasing, we've been operating first under war conditions, then under postwar shortages and most recently under conditions of preparation for defense.

Too often this has resulted in jobs being authorized and built in a rush with too little attention being paid to costs. This may be one reason why so few, particularly in the newer generation of engineers, have realized the growing importance of accurate estimates in making executive decisions.

Is this a permanent situation?

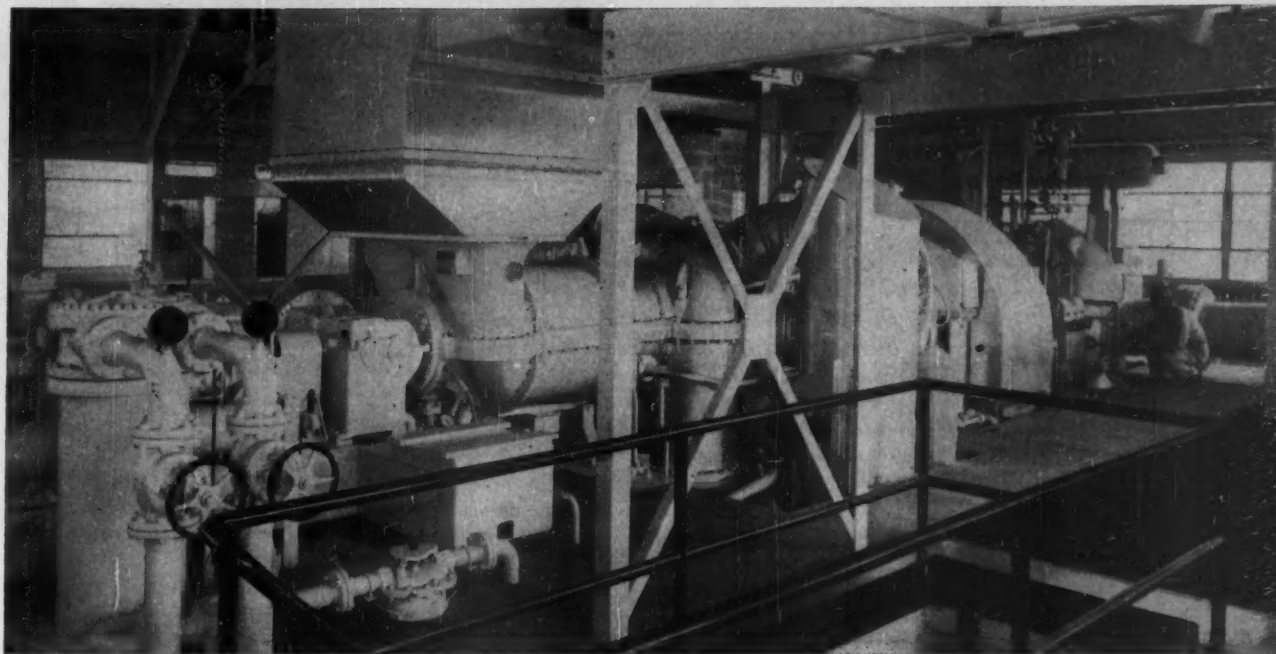
It's quite likely that prices will rise to compensate for greater investment costs. But that won't happen until existing plants wear out or until depreciation is allowed to be based on replacement costs rather than actual costs.

Because wage rates in the building trades must be in line with what can be earned on production lines, investment costs will continue to rise with respect to operating costs.

Operating costs, in turn, can be lowered by advances in technology. But it's almost axiomatic that improved technology which tends to keep operating costs from rising rapidly will in itself increase investment costs.

Finally, the burden of national debt probably will be increased by the necessity of military preparedness and by the increased services and public demands of government. It is quite unlikely, therefore, that we will ever again reach the era of profit levels in heavy industry that will permit us to afford a plant that doesn't make an adequate profit.





Gas turbine built by General Electric drives a pipeline compressor.

## Gas Turbines for Process Use—I

**There are few gas turbines in process plants today but they should eventually find wide use by incorporation in process cycles. Some of these cycles will be detailed in Part II, in an early issue.**

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Eight years ago a *Chemical Engineering* Report on progress in development of gas turbines pointed out that the gas turbine can be designed to produce power, steam and compressed air, with the total output divided among these three in any desired proportions. It might have been expected that so versatile a device would by now have found many uses in the process industries, especially since there were at that time more than 30 units supplying compressed air for catalyst regeneration in Houdry fixed bed oil cracking installations. But the process industries have not yet adopted the gas turbine to any notable extent, and the Houdry process has been largely superseded by other catalytic cracking processes which do not employ gas turbines. Actually, there are fewer gas turbines operating in process industries today than there were in 1946.

Considering its failure to have won by now an important place in the process industries, it may seem unrealistic to repeat that chemical engi-

neers will do well to become familiar with the gas turbine. Granted that power and steam and compressed air are only utilities, and are not the primary concern of the chemical engineer; granted that the well-known ways of supplying these utilities are reliable and have in the past been acceptable as to cost; granted in short that the industries served by chemical engineers have done very well up to now without the gas turbine, it still remains possible that in the future they can do even better by using the gas turbine in appropriate situations, particularly in view of the new developments discussed below. Chemical engineers familiar with the characteristics of the gas turbine will look for, and find, opportunities to make effective use of it. The potential economies will become increasing attractive as competition becomes more intense.

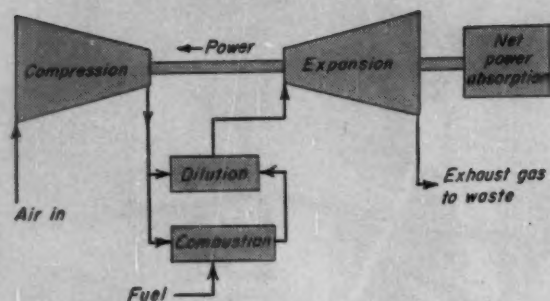
### **Gas Turbine Process**

In the broad sense a gas turbine is a spinning device which abstracts mechanical energy from an expanding

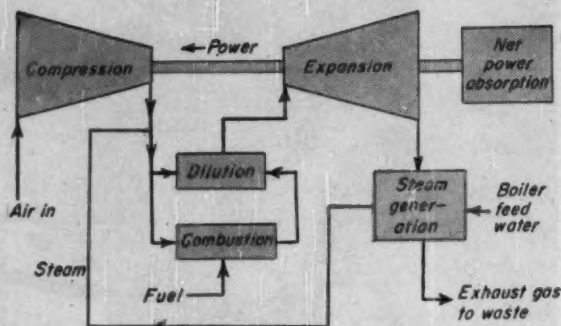
gas. For the present purpose, however, a gas turbine—more precisely, a combustion gas turbine—is a combination of apparatus elements with which to carry out a combustion gas turbine process. This is a continuous flow process in which air is compressed, fuel is contacted with the stream of compressed air and combustion takes place, the hot combustion products are expanded, and mechanical energy abstracted from the expanding hot combustion products is fed back to compress the air. This narrow definition excludes many devices which are frequently classified as gas turbines, such as turbines which expand the exhaust gas from reciprocating engines, free-piston gas turbines, closed-cycle gas turbines, and various other compressed-gas expanders.

Because of apparatus limitations the combustion gas turbine process cannot be carried out in its simplest form. Instead, one or more additional steps must be included, so that many different combustion gas turbine processes have been proposed.

## GAS TURBINES . . .



SIMPLEST practical gas turbine has air dilution—(Fig. 1)



STEAM dilution improves gas turbine process—(Fig. 2)

The maximum safe inlet temperature for the combustion products expander has probably been the most serious apparatus limitation. Combustion with air of all common fuels yields products which are, when first formed, at temperatures much higher than the highest temperature at which any known material has the mechanical properties needed in a turbine blade. No way has yet been found to keep the temperature of the turbine blades from approaching the temperature of the gases passing over them. So, it is necessary to include in the process at least one step which serves to cool the combustion products before they enter the expander.

The first practical use of the gas turbine was in the Velox boiler steam generation process. Here the objective is to decrease the size of the boiler by carrying out the combustion and transfer of heat from the combustion products to water, under pressure of a few atmospheres. The heat transfer step cools the combustion products to a temperature readily tolerated by the expander. In the first Velox boiler plants the power required for compression exceeded the power available from the expansion; an electric motor made up the deficiency. Later installations operate with a small surplus of power from the expansion which is absorbed by an electric generator.

Next practical application was in the Houdry fixed-bed oil cracking process where the fuel is coke, deposited on the cracking catalyst, and the combustion regenerates the catalyst. To avoid damage to the catalyst, its maximum temperature is kept below 1,100 F. by circulating a molten salt mixture through tubes passing through the catalyst bed. The temperature of the

molten salt is maintained near 800 F., which makes the temperature of the combustion products leaving the catalyst case about 825 F. Thus, maximum safe inlet temperature of the expander presents no problem. Here again the cooling of the combustion products is required for a reason other than the protection of the expander. The heat absorbed by the molten salt is removed outside of the catalyst case by heat transfer to boiling water. Again, most of the heat of combustion is used to generate steam. A small surplus of power is absorbed by an electric generator.

More commonly the combustion products are cooled by mixing them with a relatively cold fluid, usually air, so that substantially all of the heat of combustion remains in the stream which enters the expander. The most widely used gas turbine processes thus include the steps of compression, combustion, dilution, expansion and power feed-back, as shown in Fig. 1. This is the flow diagram for what is probably the simplest practical gas turbine process.

### Simple Process Arithmetic

Gas turbine process calculations are simple and straightforward; they require neither data nor methods with which chemical engineers are not familiar. The fluids and conditions involved are such that the perfect gas laws apply with sufficient accuracy. The entropies and heat contents (enthalpies) required may be obtained from standard compilations, such as National Bureau of Standards Circular C-461, on the assumption that air and other mixtures used in the process are perfect solutions. Air may be considered a mixture of 21 mole %

oxygen and 79 mole % nitrogen; the errors due to neglecting argon and water vapor are at least partially compensating, and the net error due to this approximation is of the same order as the uncertainty due to normal variation in atmospheric humidity.

To illustrate the calculation procedure it is convenient to consider a hypothetical situation in which the process is carried out in equipment which has no losses. Assume, for example, that the temperature at the compressor inlet is 80 F., the compressor pressure ratio is 9.0, the fuel is methane, and the turbine inlet temperature is 1,520 F.; this is about as high a turbine inlet temperature as can be employed with the materials of construction now available. An air flow rate of 10,000 moles per hr., which is about 80 lb. per sec., will be used.

The calculated performance is summarized in the first column of the accompanying table (p. 179) which shows fuel rate, combustion air rate, and quantity per hr. of diluted combustion products at 1,520 F. supplied to the turbine. Both compression and expansion are taken as isentropic, with the resulting temperatures at compressor and turbine outlet, and the turbine power output, based on that assumption. Of the total power produced, 12,830 hp. recycles to the compressor, leaving a net power output of 13,940 hp. for absorption by the load. The fuel requirement is thus 5,708 Btu. (lower heating value) per hp.-hr. and the thermal efficiency based on the lower heating value is 44.6%.

Because of apparatus imperfections the fuel and air requirements of an actual plant carrying out such a process would be about twice as great as those



just calculated. Allowances for such imperfections can be made with accuracy only on the basis of actual test results on equipment similar to that proposed to be used, but fair estimates can be made by using efficiencies and loss factors which experience has shown to be reasonable. Thus, for estimating purposes when data are lacking, one may take 85% for the isentropic efficiency of compression and 98% for the combustion efficiency. Turbine efficiency will range from 85 to 90%, with the lower figure applicable to designs suitable for the highest inlet temperature.

There is an over-all pressure drop of 2 to 5% in the combustion and mixing steps, with the higher figure applicable for the highest turbine inlet temperature. The higher the average turbine inlet temperature, the less can be the tolerance for temperature variations, so that more intense turbulence with consequent higher pressure drop must be provided.

Finally, an allowance of 1 to 3% of the turbine enthalpy drop is needed to take care of bearing friction, operation of auxiliary equipment such as lubricating oil and cooling water pumps, air extracted from the main flow for turbine cooling, and miscellaneous heat losses. Again, the higher figure is applicable for the highest turbine inlet temperature.

The example summarized in the first column of the table can be calculated with the allowances just given. The results appear in the second column where it will be noted that the power consumption of the compressor and its outlet temperature both increase materially due to the non-isentropic compression. Since the turbine inlet temperature remains the same, there is a slight decrease in fuel and combustion air rate. With pressure drop in combustion and mixing assumed to be 5%, the expansion takes place through a pressure ratio of 8.55, at 85% isentropic efficiency, yielding the indicated total power output and exhaust temperature. Since losses take 3% of the turbine enthalpy drop, the total available power is reduced to 21,660 hp., of which 15,090 hp. recycles to the compressor, and 6,570 hp. is available for absorption by the load. Apparatus shortcomings thus reduce thermal efficiency.

from the theoretical 44.6% for the ideal case in Column (1) to 22.2% as indicated in Column (2).

#### Compressor Inlet Temperature

The power absorbed in compression is roughly proportional to the absolute temperature at the compressor inlet. Thus in the example just given, if the compressor inlet temperature is 35 F. instead of 80 F. the compression takes only 13,860 hp. This reduction of 1,230 hp. in compression requirement is the principal reason for an increase in net power output to 7,880 hp., or nearly 20%. There is an increase of about 9% in fuel consumption because the temperature of the air at the end of compression is only 534 F., so that the thermal efficiency is increased from 22.2% to 24.5%. On the other hand, increasing compressor inlet temperature sharply reduces both the capability and thermal efficiency of the simple gas turbine process.

In considering the use of a gas turbine, therefore, it is essential to give proper weight to its behavior under the various atmospheric conditions which may be expected. In comparing the capabilities and efficiencies of gas turbine plants or processes, the same compressor inlet temperatures must be used. Where high ambient temperatures are to be expected, intake air coolers on gas turbines may be necessary for economy. Where there is considerable spread between wet- and dry-bulb temperatures—if water is available—cooling of intake air by spraying water into it is recommended.

#### Turbine Inlet Temperature

Nominal maximum turbine inlet temperatures for gas turbines now be-

ing offered to burn natural gas range from 1,350 F. to 1,450 F. Everything else being equal, an increase in turbine inlet temperature from 1,350 F. to 1,450 F. yields a substantial increase in thermal efficiency; however, machines designed for 1,350 F. have substantially the same thermal efficiency as those designed for 1,450 F. In both types the actual maximum temperature of the rotating blades is about 1,300 F. The higher turbine efficiency obtainable by designing for relatively small temperature drop from inlet to the first rotating blades, and the lesser pressure drop required in the mixing step for the lower average mix temperature, substantially balance the thermodynamic advantage of higher inlet temperature. The air requirement, however, is much less with the higher turbine inlet temperature, which may be important in some applications.

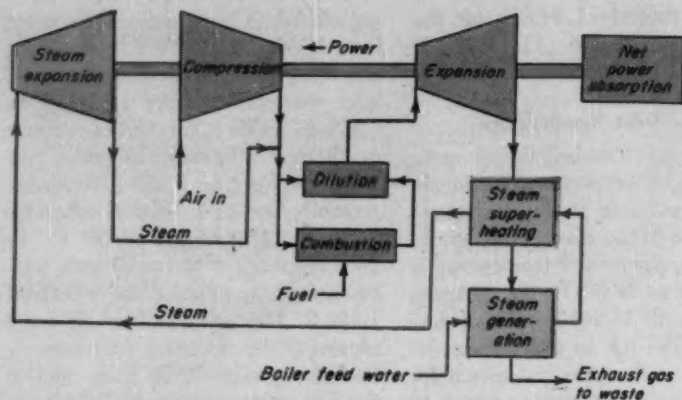
Thermal efficiency of a gas turbine could be increased substantially if higher turbine inlet temperatures could be employed without increasing pressure drops, decreasing turbine efficiency, adding to friction and heat losses, or requiring more auxiliary power. There is no reason to believe that materials of construction having the necessary properties will not eventually become available. However, despite much work by many men there has been no appreciable progress along these lines in recent years. This suggests that alloys of the types now in use have already been developed to maximum performance, and that something radically different must be discovered to make substantially higher turbine inlet temperatures possible. In view of the time required to prove



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EFFICIENCY increases when dilution steam is generated at high pressures—(Fig. 3)

the reliability of any new material after it has been put to use, it may be expected that the range 1,350 F. to perhaps 1,550 F. will continue to be the maximum for many years to come.

#### Regeneration, Intercooling, Reheat

Only 3 to 5% of the lower heating value of the fuel actually becomes unavailable in the simple gas turbine process, while 70 to 80% remains in the turbine exhaust as sensible heat. The way to improve the thermal efficiency is obviously to reclaim energy from the exhaust, either by converting part of it to mechanical energy or by utilizing some or all of it as heat to accomplish some purpose which would otherwise require the consumption of additional fuel. Various elaborations of the simple gas turbine process may be used to reduce the fraction of the heating value of the fuel which is rejected with the exhaust to the atmosphere.

There are several classical gas turbine processes which convert into mechanical energy part of the heat which the simple process rejects with the exhaust. These include the steps of regeneration, intercooling, and reheat, singly or in combination. In the regenerative process heat is transferred from the exhaust to the compressed air to be used for combustion and dilution. In the intercooled process the compression is divided into two or more stages; the air is cooled at intermediate pressure, then compressed to maximum pressure. In the reheat process the expansion is divided into two or more stages; part

of the exhaust at intermediate pressure is used to burn an increment of fuel. The products of this second combustion are mixed with the remainder of the exhaust at intermediate pressure, and the mixture is then expanded further.

Regeneration, intercooling and reheat make possible a reduction in fuel consumption of up to one-third, but require much greater investment per horsepower. As the thermal efficiency is still much below what can be attained with reciprocating engines, the use of classical gas turbine processes which include one or more of these additional steps is justified in only a few situations.

#### Exhaust Heat Recovery

Where large quantities of process heat at temperatures up to about 1,000 F. are required, the exhaust from the simple gas turbine process may be used effectively. Simplest application is direct-contact drying of material not damaged by hot air or combustion products. If the exhaust temperature is too high, tempering air can be added; an increment of fuel can be burned in the exhaust to raise its temperature if necessary. Sensitive material may be heated indirectly.

Passing the exhaust through a conventional waste heat boiler or water heater to produce steam or hot water is frequently proposed. In one outstanding installation gas turbine exhaust heats boiler feedwater, replacing steam which was formerly extracted from steam turbines. The steam tur-

bines, their condensers, and the generators they drive all had spare capacity, while the boilers did not. In this way the steam plant now generates more power. In effect, a large part of the heat in the gas turbine exhaust is thus used to generate power.

Gas turbine exhaust can also be used as preheated combustion "air" in a boiler furnace or other fuel-fired furnace, provided the lesser oxygen content is acceptable, and if the furnace is not equipped with air preheaters.

Secondary utilization of heat taken from the gas turbine exhaust is most likely to be advantageous in situations where an existing power plant is inadequate in some respect. Whenever a processing plant generates its own power and needs more than present facilities can provide, consideration of the gas turbine is indicated.

#### Steam Addition Process

Steam can be used instead of air to dilute combustion products in the gas turbine process. It has the advantage over air that it can be provided under pressure with the expenditure of very little mechanical energy, simply by injecting water into the combustion products. The gas turbine process with water injection is not attractive, however, because the latent heat of evaporation increases the fuel consumption so greatly. As noted above, it takes 1.5 hp.-hr. to compress a mole of air at 80 F. to 9.0 atm. at 85% isentropic efficiency, and to a final temperature of 621 F. To convert a mole of liquid water at 80 F. to steam at 9.0 atm. and 621 F. takes about 23,000 Btu., which is too high a price to pay for 1.5 hp.-hr. At the lower pressures more commonly used in gas turbine processes, the fuel cost of water injection is even higher.

However, if the latent heat could be supplied without increasing the fuel consumption, the thermal efficiency could be increased by using steam for dilution. This can be accomplished to a limited extent by generating the steam in a waste heat boiler which recovers heat from the exhaust, as shown in Fig. 2.

As an illustration, take the process outlined in Column (2) in the tabulation (p. 179), modified only by the addition of 2,000 moles per hr. of

steam saturated at 350 F. This is used as a diluent in addition to the 10,000 moles of air. The same losses are involved, and the same turbine inlet temperature. The fuel and combustion air requirements, shown in Column (3), increase because of the need for superheating the steam. In addition to the 5% pressure drop in the combustion and mixing, there is an additional 3% pressure drop assumed in the generation of the steam by heat transfer with the exhaust gases. Hence, expansion takes place through a pressure ratio of 8.28. Auxiliaries and various losses combine to reduce the total available power output to 26,000 hp., of which 15,090 hp. is required by the compressor, while there is a net output of 10,910 hp. for the load. Thermal efficiency is thus increased to 27.9%, compared to 22.2% for Case (2), but at the expense of 72 gpm. of water which must be supplied.

Comparing this example with the similar example of the simple process in Case (2), it is to be noted that the steam addition process produces 66% more net power with the same compression capacity, but requires 20% more expansion capacity and the additional steps of generating steam and adding it to the air. The fuel requirement is reduced by 20%, but the water used to generate the steam must be provided.

#### High Efficiency Steam Addition

The generation of the steam in the example just given reduces the exhaust temperature from 848 F. to 411 F., with water entering at 80 F. By increasing the heat transfer effectiveness the exhaust temperature can be further reduced, more steam can be generated, and the thermal efficiency can be further increased. However, the equipment cost will be increased also. Just how much steam to generate must be determined in each case.

Higher thermal efficiency can also be attained by combining steam addition with regeneration, intercooling, and reheat, using one, two, or all three.

Another way to increase thermal efficiency is to increase the enthalpy of the steam by generating under higher pressure, or superheating, or both, thereby reducing the quantity

of fuel needed to heat the steam to the final mixture temperature.

In some situations it will be most economical to generate the steam under high pressure, superheat it, and then expand through a steam turbine to the pressure of the air at the end of the compression step, as shown by Fig. 3. Thus the 2,000 moles of steam per hour of the previous example could have been supplied at 900 psig. and 600 F. Expansion through a moderately efficient steam turbine to 120 psig. would produce 1,460 hp. net, making the total output 12,370 hp. The thermal efficiency would thereby be increased to 31.7% based on the lower heating value.

The exhaust may be passed through two waste heat boilers in series, with the second boiler generating steam at the air compression discharge pressure and the first boiler generating at a convenient higher pressure. The steam from the first boiler would then be expanded through a steam turbine to the pressure of the second boiler, being mixed with the steam from the

second boiler for addition to the compressed air.

#### Using Two Heat Sources

Steam used as diluent in the gas turbine process may be generated with heat from some other source; if it is, the gas turbine process is using two heat sources. The primary heat source is the fuel whose combustion products are diluted to a tolerable temperature and then pass through the expander; the secondary heat source may be anything which can supply heat at a temperature above the saturation temperature of water under the pressure at the inlet to the combustion products expander. Thus any stream of hot material which can supply heat to a waste heat boiler is potentially a secondary heat source for a gas turbine. Heat in products of high-temperature chemical reactions, heat from nuclear reactions, and heat in products from high-temperature distillation can all be used to generate steam to dilute combustion products.

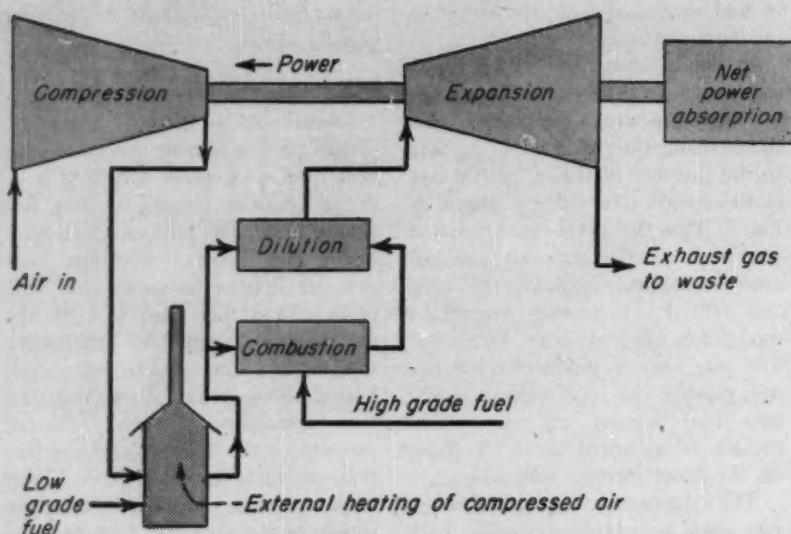
Steam for dilution can also be gen-

#### How Three Gas Turbine Processes Compare

Ideal process is assumed perfect, without losses; practical conventional process based on performance of equipment which can be built now; normal losses; steam dilution process is practical design with steam from exhaust-heated boiler generated at 350 F.

	Conventional Processes		Steam Dilution, Practical
	Ideal	Practical	
Air flow, moles/hr.	10,000	10,000	10,000
Compressor inlet temp., °F.	80	80	80
Compressor pressure ratio	9.0	9.0	9.0
Compressor outlet temp., °F.	542	621	621
Compressor power, hp.	12,830	15,090	15,090
Fuel flow, moles/hr.	231	217	288
Combustion air flow, moles/hr.	2,200	2,067	2,740
Steam diluent at 350 F., moles/hr.			2,000
Steam to combustion, moles/hr.			548
Dilution air flow, moles/hr.	7,800	7,933	7,260
Turbine inlet temp., °F.	1,520	1,520	1,520
Total gas to turbine, moles/hr.	10,231	10,217	12,288
Turbine pressure ratio	9.0	8.55	8.28
Turbine outlet temp., °F.	675	819	848
Total turbine enthalpy drop, hp.	26,770	22,330	26,810
Power available after losses, hp.	26,770	21,660	26,000
Net power to load, hp.	13,940	6,570	10,910
Air required, lb./hp.-hr.	20.69	43.90	26.44
Fuel required, Btu. (LHV)/hp.-hr.	5,708	11,440	9,120
Water required, gpm.			72
Water required, lb./hp.-hr.			3.3
Thermal efficiency, %	44.6	22.2	27.9
Exhaust temp. from boiler, °F.			411





PROCESS with two heat sources uses low-grade fuel to heat dilution air—(Fig. 4)

erated in boilers fired with fuel which is less suitable for use as a primary gas turbine heat source. Coal, residual oil, and gas of low heating value have been used as gas turbine fuels, but their use in an internal combustion device introduces problems which are avoided when they are used as boiler fuels. The principal problem with gas of low heating value is that usually it must be compressed to the pressure of the compressed air; however low-heating-value gas available under high pressure may be quite suitable for use as a primary heat source in the gas turbine process.

When the heat is available at a temperature level high enough, the steam may well be generated under high pressure and superheated, then expanded through a steam turbine before being used as diluent.

The diluent used in the two-heat-source process may be any suitable fluid available under the pressure at the inlet of the combustion products expander. Thus any gaseous product which leaves a process under pressure and is to be rejected to the atmosphere is potentially a gas turbine process diluent. Gaseous products are in some instances expanded through power recovery turbines, and sometimes they are heated before being so expanded to increase the power output. The use of such a gaseous product as diluent in the combustion gas turbine process

using two heat sources will sometimes be much more economical than its expansion through a power-recovery turbine.

Air can be used as diluent in the two-heat-source gas turbine process, as shown by Fig. 4. Where suitable water is available at reasonable cost it will usually be more economical to use water as the diluent, converting the water to the gaseous state with heat from the secondary source. Where water is scarce or high priced, air may be used, and the gas turbine process carried out so that only part of the fuel consumed is required to be of high grade and high form value.

#### Place of Producer Gas

From the earliest period of commercial development of the combustion gas turbine process the utilization of coal has been under study. The problem is to keep the ash from damaging the combustion products expander. Two lines of attack have been explored—mechanical and chemical. The mechanical approach is to remove the ash from the hot gases before they enter the expander. The chemical approach is to convert the coal into an ash-free fuel.

Much work has been done on the ash removal problem in the effort to develop a coal-burning gas turbine locomotive, and some progress has been made. When and if a solution

satisfactory for a locomotive is found, the applicability of the solution to the process industries which depend on coal for power can be considered.

The processing of coal to produce city gas is a well-established industry, which is declining in relative importance in this country because of the spread of natural gas service. City gas made from coal is an excellent gas turbine fuel, but the cost of production is prohibitive. Where coal is processed to make coke, and there is a surplus of the gas produced in coking, the gas can be used in gas turbines; but if coal is to be completely gasified to make gas turbine fuel, the only way which offers a possibility of economic feasibility is to make producer gas.

Hot raw producer gas carries about 90% of the heating value of the coal; cold clean producer gas only about 70%. Standard producers supply gas at substantially atmospheric pressure, so that appreciable compression is required. The hot raw gas cannot be compressed, so that if standard producers are used only about 70% of the heating value of the coal is available to the gas turbine. Some work has been done looking toward the development of a gas producer which would operate under pressure high enough so that the hot raw gas could be burned in the gas turbine. While such a gas producer could probably be developed, the economic incentive seems to be lacking at this time.

Where coal is the fuel of choice and the gas turbine process would be used if the utilization efficiency were improved, consideration should be given to the two-heat-source process, with coal burned to heat the diluent to so high a temperature that only a small additional quantity must be converted to producer gas to supply the combustion products to be diluted. In this way the utilization efficiency can be high even though the producer gas is cooled and cleaned before compression.

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## Checklist for Buying Equipment

### Before requesting bids:

#### Analyze problem to determine

Known  
Unknown  
Desired

### After receiving bids:

#### Evaluate

Process details  
Engineering details

#### Compare

Capital costs  
Operating costs

#### Discuss with bidder

Unique design features  
Clarify details

### Evaporator Case History

Feed	Wt. %
NaOH . . . . .	9.02
NaCl . . . . .	16.42
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> . . . . .	Trace
H <sub>2</sub> O . . . . .	74.56
	100.00
Product, 27.75 tph.	
NaOH . . . . .	49.00
NaCl . . . . .	3.00
H <sub>2</sub> O . . . . .	48.00
	100.00

## Guide for Picking the Right Bid

Keep it in mind when buying equipment. You'll get the most for your dollar and cut future headaches. Here's proof in the comparison of bids on an evaporation system for caustic soda.

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From the inner sanctum of the board room comes the verdict—Carry project X forward to commercial production.

As you swing your chair back to your desk you face the task of providing a complete evaporation system for the process. How do you proceed?

#### It's Not a Stock Item

Although evaporation and its associated equipment have been analyzed and studied for years each new application should receive individual attention. You can't pick a cycle and equipment from a stock list and expect to produce trouble-free operation.

Knowing that, you must present your problem to various equipment manufacturers; let them individually propose cycles and equipment to do

the job. Then you are in a position to select the most suitable system operations, maintenance- and costwise.

#### Give the Complete Story

It may seem strange to belabor an obvious point—furnishing the vendor with complete information. Yet it is estimated that 99% of inquiries presented to equipment companies lack some important, known information.

To avoid such an error of omission the engineer requesting bids must understand the problem sufficiently well to calculate the solution himself. An analysis of the problem should determine what is known, unknown and desired (see table, p. 182).

Under the desired portion of this table are listed operational, material and workmanship guarantees. As furnished by the manufacturer these guarantees should include a specific statement regarding over-all responsibility for equipment such as pumps, separators, valves, etc., not manufactured by the equipment vendor but to

be guaranteed directly by said vendor.

Coöperation between prime and subcontractors should be specifically required. A time limit should be included in the guarantee to prevent dragging out the period needed to meet final expected performance.

Here, a penalty clause is helpful in obtaining satisfaction. It should establish cost per day assumed by the vendor based on lost production.

Also, the guarantee should be worded to prevent the purchaser from paying for items failing to meet guarantees as well as for extra equipment installed by the vendor to help in meeting the guarantee.

#### Study and Analyze the Bids

Once bids are all in, you as the engineer responsible may spend several weeks or even months studying and analyzing them. Only thus can you understand completely all equipment.

It would be time-saving and easier to accept the verbal and written recommendation of the vendors but—ex-

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## How Problem Breaks Down

### Known

- Production rate and analysis of product.
- Feed flow rate, analysis, temperature, (approximate quantity available).
- Services available to serve as design basis for steam, water, gas, etc.
- Disposal of condensate (location) and its purity.
- Probable materials of construction.

### Unknown

- Evaporation cycle, pressure, temperature (solids capacities and concentration features of various evaporation cycles).
- Number of evaporator effects.
- Best type of evaporator body and heater arrangement.
- Practice of competitors in same and related products.
- Best instrumentation.
- Experience record of manufacturer.

### Desired

- Answers to Unknown above.
- Operational guarantee.
- Material and workmanship guarantee.
- Performance record of evaporator manufacturer in same or related process.
- Filtering characteristics of any solids or crystals.

#### Details on:

- Equipment dimensions, arrangements, fabrication details.
- Heat transfer surfaces, velocities of fluids, coefficients.
- Separator elements for purity of overhead vapors.
- Types and details of circulating pumps, if any.

#### Utility Requirements:

- Steam
- Power
- Water
- Air

## Review These Design Features . . .

### Evaporator Body

- Is vapor velocity above the boiling solution reasonable for reducing entrainment? Refer to separator manufacturer for optimum and limiting velocities.
- Is the body adequately baffled to reduce upward entrainment yet maintain low pressure drop?
- Are there limiting (minimum or maximum) operating conditions, and what are they? This refers to flexibility in operation.
- A cone of about 60° is required to prevent salt-bridging in the body and consequent plugging.
- Growth of salt crystals must be controlled to secure good crystal size. Too high a degree of supersaturation yields fine, hard-to-filter crystals.

### Heaters

- Are heaters horizontal or vertical? In either case, check relative arrangement to insure liquor head covering tubes to avoid dry tubes in heater.
- Is liquor flowing through tubes at about 6-10 ft./sec. average velocity? This appears to be reasonably good velocity for operation.
- What is pressure drop through liquor side of heater?
- A reasonable "U" value for over-all heat transfer appears to be 400 to 500 Btu./hr./deg. F./sq. ft. Some units may run as high as 700 to 800, but check to determine if this value can be maintained under dirty tube conditions.

### Entrainment Separators

- Is the evaporator body provided with auxiliary means for reducing liquor carry-over with the overhead vapor?
- What is the required outlet vapor specification and what is the guarantee on the separating device?

perience cautions against it. For operations other than evaporation we have found it essential to study in minute detail each step in a process cycle, each piece of equipment, all instruments, pumps, and fabrication details (welding, bolting, access for clean-out, wash-out connections, sight glasses, etc.).

While making such a study remember that the evaporation equipment finally purchased must be lived with for a period of years. No one wants to buy a headache even if apparent costs are low.

There are many ways to approach such a study. Essentially they will each yield the same end conclusion.

The analysis certainly should find the answers to both desired information and details listed in the table.

### First, Look at Design

Under the listing of desired information are found items pertaining to design. Further amplification of these points is tabulated separately.

The last point covered in this listing deals with outlet vapor specification. This is extremely important if the resultant condensate is to be used. It is also one point often "glossed over" as insignificant by some manufacturers.

Operating data and experience records in writing are some of the most convincing evidence on this point. Most manufacturers of centrifugal vane-type separators guarantee 99% removal of all liquid entering the unit, but it is most important that accurate inlet conditions be known and considered.

### How It's Built Is Vital

It is of prime importance that fabrication of the equipment meet some minimum standards of construction. Usually the codes of ASME or API-ASME and TEMA are quite adequate.

On investigation, you will find most manufacturers only use these codes where stipulated by state or federal law. Where such enforcement is lacking they revert to their own practice

Permission to publish information originally submitted in confidential bids was freely given by the four vendors involved and is gratefully acknowledged. Names are withheld in the interest of fairness to vendors 2, 3 and 4.



## Comparison of Evaporator Bids from Four Major Equipment Vendors

Vendor	1	2	3	4
<b>Operating Service Requirements</b>				
Steam, lb./hr., pig.	99,500; 110	106,000; 65	106,000; 75	92,000; 110
Main hp.	450	300	375	375
Water, gpm., deg. F.	7,600; 88	7,200; 90	7,200; 88	6,700; 80
Operating hr. per day	21.6	22.0	22.0	22.0 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Principal Evaporation Components</b>				
Type evaporator	Triple effect, backward feed, Horizontal	Triple effect, backward feed, Horizontal	Triple effect, backward feed, Horizontal	Triple effect, backward feed, Vertical
Heaters	1st—3,500 sq. ft., 2nd—8,300 sq. ft., 3rd—8,300 sq. ft., total 20,100 sq. ft.	1st, 2nd and 3rd avg. 6,500 sq. ft. each, 19,500 sq. ft. total.	1st, 2nd and 3rd each 7,200 sq. ft., total 21,600 sq. ft.	1st, 2nd and 3rd each 6,350 sq. ft., total 19,050 sq. ft.
Main circ. pumps	Centrifugal (3), 150 hp. each.	Axial flow (3), 100 hp. each.	Centrifugal (3), 125 hp. each.	Mixed flow (3), 125 hp. each.
Separators	Centrifugal units top each evaporator body 9 ppm.	Centrifugal type in each body.	Centrifugal unit top each body, less than 9 ppm.	Open-end pipe design no centrifugal ele- ment. Do not know if 9 ppm. can be reached, 25 ppm. max.
Barometrics	Included	Included	Included	Included
Salt Crystal	Reasonable for cen- trifugal filtration.	Majority plus 60 mesh, uniform.	Satisfactory for filtering on centri- fugal unit.	Special emphasis on growing large crystal 60 mesh average.
Units operating	Yes	Yes	No	No
Guaranteed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Equipment Furnished and Materials of Construction</b>				
Evaporator bodies				
1st effect	10 dia. x 33 ft. x 7/16 in.	17 dia. x 27 ft. x 1/8 in. min. nickel thickness on all effects.	11 dia. x 15 ft. x 3/8 in.	18 dia. x 9 ft. x 3/4 in.
2nd effect	10 1/2 x 33 ft. x 7/16		14 1/2 x 15 ft. x 7/16	18 x 9 ft. x 3/4
3rd effect	11 1/2 x 25 ft. x 7/16		20 x 15 ft. x 7/16	20 x 9 ft. x 3/4
	All 20% Ni-Clad		All 20% Ni-Clad	All 10% Ni-Clad
Circulating pumps				
1st effect	13,100 gpm. each, solid nickel, Inger- soll-Rand.	Gpm. not given, solid nickel, Bingham.	11,000 gpm each, solid nickel, Ingersoll-Rand.	16,000 gpm., solid nickel, Ingersoll-Rand.
2nd effect				
3rd effect				
Motors	Included			Included
Salt tanks	Incorporated in evap- orator body.	1st—10 x 10 ft. nickel-clad steel, 1/8 in. min. Ni.	1st—8 dia. x 4 ft., 2nd—10 x 4 ft., 3/16 in. solid nickel wall, w/60° cone.	3, 18 ft. dia. tapered to 15.75 x 10 x 3/4 in. 10% Ni-Clad.
Overhead vapor piping	All carbon steel, w/ 1/8 in. corrosion allowance, prefab.	Nickel where in con- tact with liquid, balance carbon steel, prefab.	Monel from 1st effect, carbon steel from 2nd and 3rd, monel from flash tank to 3rd effect, prefab. except for one field weld each.	Nickel elbow at evaporator, re- mainder carbon steel, prefab.
Large liquor piping	Nickel, 3/16 in. wall, prefab.	Nickel, prefab.	Nickel, 10 ga. wall, prefab.	Nickel, prefab.
Small process piping	Liquor piping con- necting effects and pumps of nickel, val- ves & fittings, con- trol valves of nickel. Furnished prefab.	Nickel piping and fittings. Control valves butterfly type, others plug type. Piping fur- nished random lengths for fabrication by purchaser.	Nickel piping w/ mo- nel valves, control valves butterfly type. Pipe prefab.	Nickel Sch. 10 in random lengths for fabrication by purchaser.
Instrumentation	Complete	Minimum require- ments	Complete	Very complete
Miscellaneous by vendor	Structural steel supports (no plat- forms, walkways, stair- ways).	Mountings (not supports).	Mountings (not supports).	Supports not included.
Engineering drawings	Equipment—genl. assembly, plans, elevations, flow- sheets, piping.	Equipment—genl. assembly, plans, elevations, flow- sheets, piping.	Equipment—genl. assembly, plans, elevations, flow- sheets, piping.	Equipment—genl. assembly, plans, elevations, flow- sheets, piping.
Code construction	ASME, heaters only to be stamped.	Not given	Not given	ASME-U-69, heaters only to be stamped
<b>Cost Comparison<sup>2</sup></b>				
Equipment and material by vendor	1.00	0.997	0.875	1.18
Extra rigging for field assembly	None	1.3	None	1.8
Piping erection	1.00	Included above	1.00	Included above
Structural steel	Included	4.0	3.5	3.5
Foundation extra, due to weight and size	None	2.5	2.5	2.5
Extra for spare pipe and equipment required by purchaser	1.00	0.402	0.402	None
Extra instruments	1.00	1.50	1.00	None
Extra engineering	None	0.90	0.80	1.00
Freight	1.00	1.18	Included	1.27
Final ratios (expected erected cost)	1.00	1.08	0.927	1.21

<sup>1</sup> Not given, assumed from other information. <sup>2</sup> First effect is considered unit being fed primary steam, thus producing the highest concentration of product. <sup>3</sup> Not furnished.  
<sup>4</sup> Cost ratios are on an erected basis referenced to vendor no. 1. The ratios given hold relatively within a given row, and are not additive in any column.



## PICKING THE RIGHT BID . . .

### Compare These Cost Elements

#### Capital Costs

Foundations as dictated by equipment weights.  
Ground area and building (if housed) requirements.  
Utility services, noting differences in pipe or cable sizes needed.  
Structures for servicing, operating and supporting the equipment.  
Piping for evaporation cycle.  
Requirements for owner-furnished materials.  
Back-up capital of owner.

#### Operating Costs

Steam consumption and pressure.  
Power requirements.  
Cooling water.  
Equipment to meet guarantee on liquid entrainment in overhead vapor.  
Operating labor.  
Maintenance and shop labor.  
Supplies for efficient operation.  
Down-time for wash-outs and boil-outs.  
Convenience of design for operation.  
Wash water allowances.  
Experience records in service and reputation for fulfilling all contracts.

for design and shop fabrication standards. Obviously, these vary considerably between manufacturers.

Fabricating details are extremely important where alloy steel, nonferrous or clad plate materials are used. Pay particular attention to head and shell welds, intermediate head welds, top and side nozzles, bottom nozzles, manholes and large diameter nozzles. Examine for pockets, improper welding rods, welding sequence, adequate weld protection to prevent contamination pickup, and adequate reinforcement.

### And How About Cost?

By the time you have explored all the aforementioned topics you are ready to take a look at the prime factor—what are comparative costs?

A true picture of the comparative total costs for any installation cannot be complete until capital and operating costs for each system are evaluated, as installed. Some differences to weight are tabulated.

In some situations, a relative evaluation of these points will be sufficient. In other cases it will be necessary to prepare accurate cost estimates of the actual expected costs prior to selection of a manufacturer.

Quite often evaporator makers include in the package certain piping, pumps, motors, vessels, barometric vacuum units, instruments, etc. However, there is no uniformity—some do, some don't. Thus in making comparisons between bids care must be taken to segregate the comparable

items and isolate the "extra" or special ones.

### Seller Faces Buyer

During the course of your studies you will undoubtedly be submitting questions to the vendors for clarification. On any reasonably large job it is usually necessary to have a personal discussion with a responsible technical representative of each manufacturer. Otherwise, it may be impossible to do justice to features of each manufacturer's design.

When you finally select the manufacturer to build your system it marks the real beginning of the project. Hundreds of details, impossible to cover in any proposal, must be handled under the interpretation of the agreement.

Your job as the engineer is not finished until the unit makes total production. Even then the production engineer is still living with the unit to iron out all the bugs and start making improvements and desired modifications.

### From the Job-Completed File

By way of illustration we can look at a job that was submitted for bids, then compare the bids and see which was selected.

The bidders were requested to:

Furnish evaporation equipment to produce 51,500 lb. per hr. of 49.0% NaOH liquid starting with a feed liquid at 144 F. that analyzes:

	Wt. %
NaOH	9.02
NaCl	16.42
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Trace
H <sub>2</sub> O	74.56
	100.00

The system must produce product that analyzes:

NaOH	49.00
NaCl	3.00
H <sub>2</sub> O	48.00
	100.00

Production basis will be 100% of operating time. Vendor must make allowances to insure a guaranteed tonnage per month based upon the above rate. The performance guarantee is to be for a 30 day operation.

Steam is available at pressures up to 110 psig. saturated.

Condensate produced by evaporation is to be used for steam generation in high pressure boilers. It must have a guaranteed maximum impurity of 9 ppm. combined chloride and hydroxyl ion. This specification also applies to vapor going to the barometric condenser. If excess impurities enter they will form precipitates with the condenser water.

Manufacturer is to furnish flow diagram of evaporation system proposed. It must include calculated flow rates, temperatures, pressures and analysis around each unit.

Manufacturer is to furnish information regarding size of each piece of equipment furnished or required and the heat transfer surface for each unit.

Materials of construction of the equipment are to be recognized as resistant to the solutions handled. Nickel is preferred where necessary to prevent iron contamination.

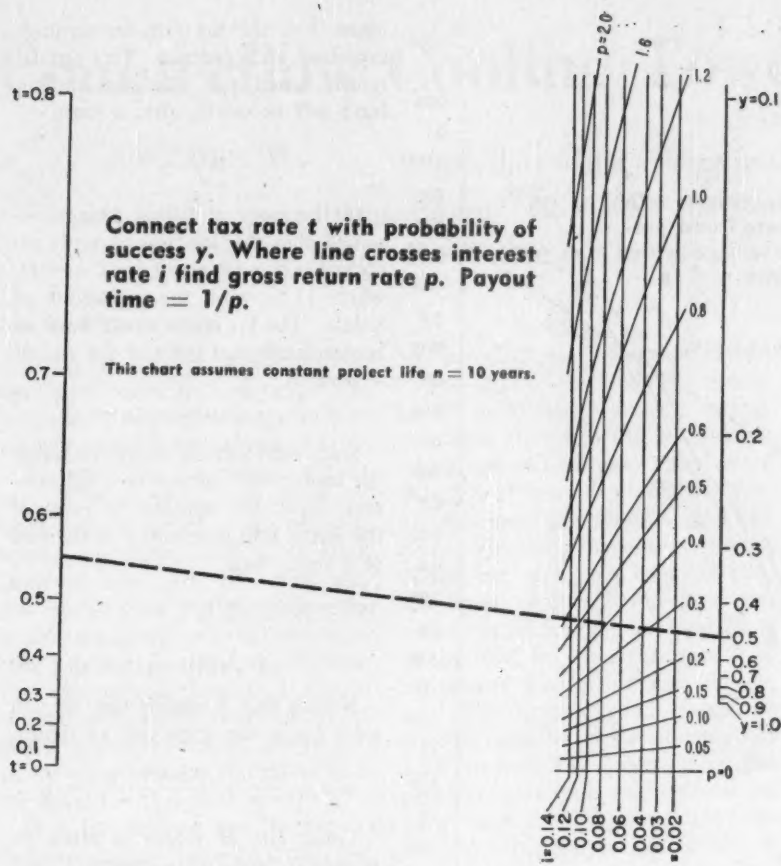
Furnish details of welded and bolted connections for review. State codes of construction and design used for the various items.

### Evaluating and Selecting

Replies from reputable manufacturers on an inquiry of this nature will usually be reasonably close on the cost of the basic units. But as previously noted an examination of the over-all total installation picture is needed to complete a thorough analysis.

A comparative table, p. 183, of evaporator bids from four major equipment vendors, makes for easy reviewing of the major items of concern for each bid. Various sections in the table cover operating service requirements, principal components for the proposed flow cycle, equipment furnished together with materials of construction, and cost ratios on an erected basis.

The system and equipment finally selected were those offered by vendor 1. The primary reasons were (1) in lower cost bracket, (2) between vendors 1 and 3 it was found that vendor 1 had experience evidenced by installed, operating systems, (3) completeness of package offered, (4) requires less space because evaporators are smaller.



## Solve for Payout Time

... with these two nomographs. Based on the Happel approach to payout calculations, these charts help you compare the attractiveness of a proposed risk venture against the return from a relatively safe investment.

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In an article published in *Chemical Engineering* in Oct. 1951 (p. 141), Happel proposed a new method for calculating payout times on risk investments. This method differed from convention in three respects: It took

into account the effect of changes in tax rates; it allowed for the probability of success or failure; it considered the future value of income, depreciation and investment over the life of the project.

Happel derived some algebraic expressions in terms of specific assumed values for certain variables. I have derived similar expressions in generalized terms and have constructed nom-

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### About this article and the nomographs, Prof. Happel comments:

Mr. Yanagisawa's article appears to be a logical extension of my earlier article in *Chemical Engineering*. However, there are several newer qualifications which, if incorporated into this article and the nomographs, would somewhat extend their usefulness.

In the first place, after numerous conversations and on further considerations, I have concluded that the figure of 3% assumed for a safe investment is entirely too low. This is not because one can get more than 3% interest in savings banks or in government securities, but because businesses which probably have at least a 95% chance of success customarily require a 10% return on investment in order to attract capital.

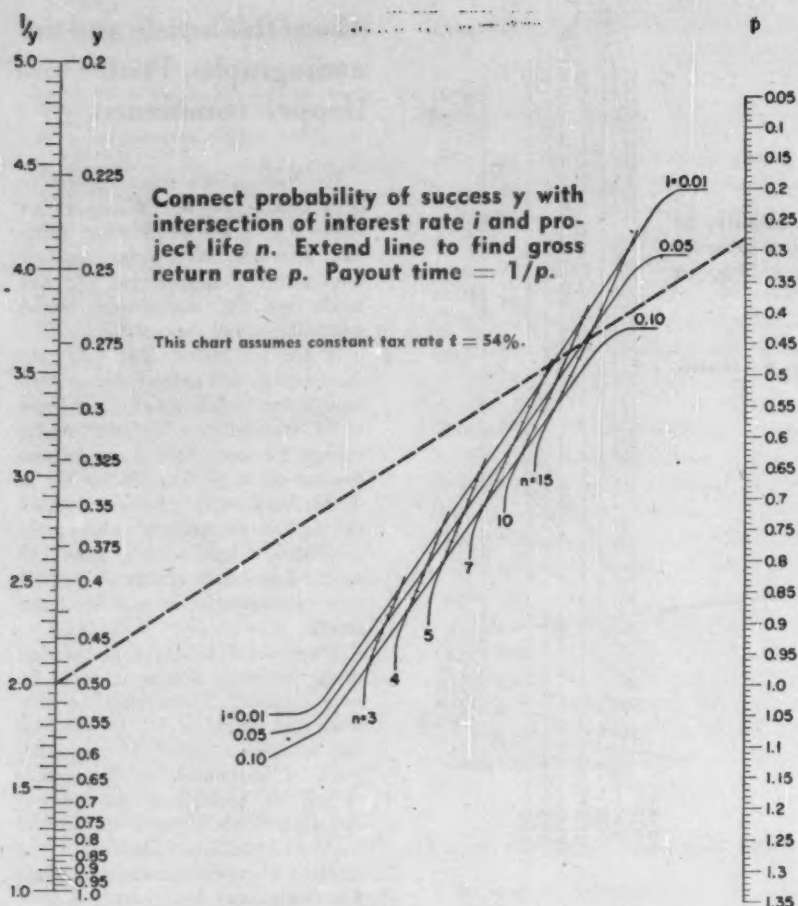
Therefore, I believe that the formulas previously developed would be more significant if something like 10% were used instead of 3% for the base case involving a completely safe investment. Uncertainties in the experimental or preliminary development stages are much higher than this and could be evaluated as described in the article. Thus the nomograph which Mr. Yanagisawa has given would be more useful if it covered a range of, say, 5 to 20% for values of  $i$ , the minimum acceptable return.

Secondly, the earlier article assumed that the rate of depreciation allowable for tax purposes, and the rate of depreciation which corresponds to a uniform payment into a sinking fund which will return the investment after an assumed life, are the same.

For example, at a figure of 3% interest in ten years, the annual depreciation rate is 8.72%. This presupposes that the government will also allow an 8.72% rate. Assuming a straight-line depreciation, as is usually used by the government for tax purposes, this rate would correspond to a life of approximately 11.5 years, instead of the ten years assumed for accounting purposes. At higher assumed interest rates the difference would, of course, be larger.

Probably a different nomograph could be constructed taking this situation into account. The formula would necessarily be a bit more complicated. It might be worthwhile for the author to explore this possibility.—JOHN HAPPEL, Professor and Chairman, Department of Chemical Engineering, New York University.

## PAYOUT TIME



ographs which permit rapid solution of the equations.

Following Happel's original argument, let us assume that the alternative to investing in a proposed risk venture is to buy safe securities which will earn income at a rate of  $i$  per year (expressed as a decimal). We assume also that the life of the proposed venture will be  $n$  years, that we can neglect inflationary or deflationary trends and that the investment will have no salvage value at the end of its life.

The value of our initial "safe" investment  $I$  after  $n$  years is given by the expression  $I(1+i)^n$ . In order for our proposed risk venture to be attractive, therefore, its total accrued return (including depreciation) must be equal to at least  $I(1+i)^n$  at the end of  $n$  years.

Happel developed methods for calculating the value of accrued return for either of two conditions—continued success of the venture or immediate, complete failure. If the venture is

successful, net annual earnings and depreciation are paid into a sinking fund to recover the value of the investment. This sinking fund is reinvested in safe securities to continue earning at the rate of  $i$  per year.

If  $p$  is a decimal expressing the gross annual return as a function of the investment and  $y$  is a decimal expressing the probability of success, then the probable gross annual return is  $pyI$ .

Annual depreciation allowance is less than  $I/n$ , because we get the benefit of our sinking fund interest over the period of  $n$  years. Actual depreciation rate, which will generate the full initial investment after  $n$  years, is

$$\frac{i}{(1+i)^n - 1} = d$$

Since our earnings tax is based on gross return less depreciation  $pyI - dyI$ , we shall have left after taxes

$$pyI - (pyI - dyI)t$$

where  $t$  is the tax rate on earnings expressed as a decimal. This annual return, when put into our sinking fund, will be worth, after  $n$  years,

$$\frac{pyI - (pyI - dyI)t}{d}$$

In the event of failure, Happel assumed that the loss was partially recoverable by a tax credit of  $(1-y)It$ , where  $(1-y)$  is the probability of failure. The tax credit would have an accumulated asset value at the end of  $n$  years of

$$(1+i)^n(1-y)It$$

Since total accrued return—whether the venture is a success or a failure—must equal the appreciated value of the initial safe investment at the end of  $n$  years, then

$$\frac{pyI - (pyI - dyI)t}{d} + (1+i)^n(1-y)It = (1+i)^n I$$

Noting that  $I$  cancels out, we can solve for  $p$ , the gross rate of return:

$$p = \frac{it}{1-y} + \frac{i(1+i)^n/y}{(1+i)^n - 1} = \frac{1}{T}$$

Gross rate of return is often expressed in terms of its inverse  $T$ , payout time.

In the first of the two nomographs, I have assumed that  $n$  is constant at 10 years. In the second nomograph,  $t$  is constant at 0.54, which is the current U.S. federal corporate tax rate of 52% plus 2% to allow for average state tax.

For example, assume a proposed venture with an expected life of 10 years and a probability of success of 50%, or  $y = 0.5$ . With safe investments yielding 3% per year ( $i = 0.03$ ) and a tax rate of 54% ( $t = 0.54$ ), what should be the minimum gross return to make this venture attractive?

On the first nomograph, connect  $t = 0.54$  with  $y = 0.50$ . Where this line crosses  $i = 0.03$ , read the answer,  $p = 0.28$ , or 28%. The maximum payout time would be  $1/0.28 = 3.6$  years.

We can solve the same problem with the second nomograph, since the tax rate is 54%. Connect  $y = 0.50$  with the point marking the intersection of  $i = 0.03$  and  $n = 10$ . Extend the line to find the value of  $p = 0.28$ .



# Counterflow Cooling Towers

What effect will a change in the water flow rate have on the water temperature? How does the fan speed affect tower performance? Here's the way to get accurate answers to such questions.

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There are few pieces of industrial equipment which have so caught the imagination of engineering and operating personnel as have cooling towers.

As with other equipment, there's been an enormous number of articles written about various phases of correlation, operation, and economics. However, very little has been said that really gives the plant operator or design engineer practical considerations usable on actual installations. For this reason there is a certain amount of misconception and unnecessary confusion involved in the purchase, operation, and control of cooling towers.

It is the purpose here to present certain practical considerations and approximate working tools which may be of some help to an engineer or operator working with cooling towers.

## Tower Characteristics

Cooling towers are designed to meet a condition of operation specified by the customer. This condition is that of cooling a specified water quantity (gpm.) through a definite temperature gradient (range) to a final temperature which is a certain number of degrees above the design wet bulb (approach). Specifications for cooling are usually in these terms of gpm, range, approach, and wet bulb. Only infrequently will the tower operate at this point since the plant will normally level out at a slightly different requirement and/or the wet bulb will be other than design. For these very reasons tables or graphs of cooling tower operation at other than design

are supplied by the manufacturer.

The design wet bulb is usually based on Weather Bureau Records and often chosen as the temperature which will not be experienced more than 5% of the time during the summer months of June, July, August, and September. Most handbooks present design wet bulb data based on this 5% figure. Although this is a convenient reference or guide post, it is certain that in numerous cases it is an entirely inadequate basis for design. The design wet bulb should be selected only after some reference has been made to the economics of the plant being served, the seasonal requirements of cooling, and the tabulated Weather Bureau Record for the locality. Microfilm data is available on many hundreds of stations where hourly readings have been made and condensed for rapid interpretation.

Cooling tower performance curves as normally supplied by the manufacturer are of the form shown in Fig. 1. The effect of variance in range, approach, or wet bulb may be easily observed. Other performance curves may be presented for varying water quantity (normally plus and minus 5%-10%) as well as data on half speed fan duty and fans off (natural draft operation).

## Some Curves of Performance

A convenient estimating curve which will prove useful in general plant operation is shown in Fig. 2. The percentage change in gpm. which will cause a 1 F. change in cold water temperature is shown as a function of the effective height of cooling ( $H_e$ ) and design or operating Approach. An increase in gpm. will naturally have the effect of increasing the cold water temperature. The cooling range is assumed to be constant.

• For example: if we take the case of a tower with a 35-ft. effective height of cooling, the design or operating approach is 10 F., and we wish to determine what change in gpm. will be required to decrease the approach or  $T_a$  by 1 F., an inspection of Fig. 2 reveals that approximately a 10% reduction in gpm. is required.

Performance curves for tower operations with fans at half speed may be drawn which will give approximation figures for estimating. One such correlation is shown in Fig. 3; it gives the change in approach to be expected at half speed for varying heights of towers. This correlation is dependent upon the approach normally occurring at full speed. The range, gpm., and wet bulb are assumed to be constant for both conditions of fan operation.

• For example: a tower with a 35 ft. effective height of cooling will give a half speed approach of 26 F. provided the design or operating approach at full speed is 14 F.

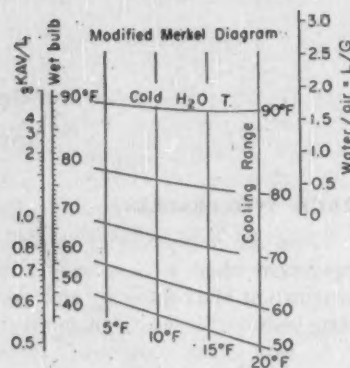
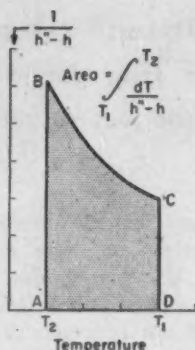
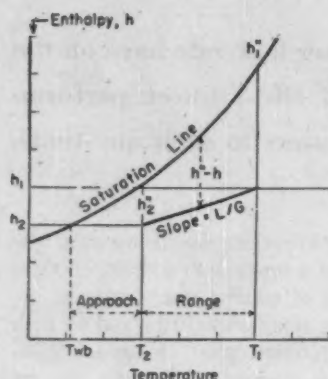
A general correlation may be made for determining the wet bulb temperature at which fans may be reduced to half speed—Fig. 4. This is based on maintaining design or operating hot and cold water temperatures.

• For example: a tower with a 35-ft. effective height of cooling and a design or operating Approach of 10 F at full speed will require a 26 F lowering in wet bulb in order to maintain the same hot and cold water temperatures.

Figs. 2, 3, and 4 are of general application for counterflow towers that make use of the more common splash-type filling for cooling. Average values from many types of cooling tower packing tested have been used as a basis for these correlations. The effective height of cooling ( $H_e$ ) for counterflow towers may be taken as the distance between the drift elim-

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## This Is the Theory Behind Evaluation Methods . . .



One of the most prominent theories of counterflow cooling tower performance and correlation was developed in 1925 by Merkel. This approach, although frequently contested because of enthalpy being considered as the driving force, has nevertheless been widely accepted by the majority of industry. Certain modifications have been considered by the researcher and manufacturer for a more refined correlation. However, the basic equation stands on its own merits as a remarkably workable engineering tool. In the integrated equation form the Merkel equation is presented as:

$$KaV/L = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} \frac{dT}{h'' - h} \quad (1)$$

### Correlation of the Data

To illustrate the process of determining the cooling tower performance coefficient ( $KaV/L$ ), it is best to refer to the graph where the saturation enthalpy of air is plotted against temperature. From test data where  $T_2$ ,  $T_w$ , and  $Twb$ ,  $L$ , and  $G$  are known, you can readily construct the operating line. The conditions at the bottom of the tower are represented by point ( $T_2$ ,  $h_2$ ), with ( $T_2$ ) representing the cold water temperature and ( $h_2$ ) the enthalpy of the entering air. This provides one point on the tower operating line. Point ( $T_w$ ,  $h''_2$ ) is the enthalpy of air were it saturated at the temperature ( $T_2$ ). The difference between ( $h''_2$ ) and ( $h_2$ ) may be considered as the "enthalpy potential" or "driving force" which is defined as existing at the bottom of the tower.

The slope of the operating line is equal to  $L/G$ , since the heat lost by the water is equal to the heat gained by the air ( $LdT = Gdh$ ). We may neglect the reduction in water quantity in the tower due to evaporation. With point ( $T_2$ ,  $h_2$ ) and the slope  $L/G$ , the operating line may be extended to ( $T_1$ ). ( $h''_1$ ) minus ( $h_1$ ) may then be expressed as the enthalpy poten-

tial existing at the top of the cooling tower.

The potential at any point between ( $T_1$ ) and ( $T_2$ ) may then be expressed as ( $h'' - h$ ). The integral

$$\int_{T_1}^{T_2} \frac{dT}{h'' - h}$$

now may be shown as equal to the area ABCD shown above. This value can be determined by planimeter, rectangular count, summation of incremental values of the integral over small ranges, or by log mean enthalpy potential (providing the range is small).

These graphical methods of handling the integration of the Merkel equation are somewhat time consuming until a certain degree of familiarity has been gained. For accurate results the exact area represented by this equation must be determined.

Any one design of cooling tower may, by test, be represented by a correlation of  $KaV/L$  vs.  $L/G$ . This is true since  $KaV$  is a function of  $L$  and also  $G$ . For each tower design there is a specific value of  $KaV/L$  for any liquid to gas ratio ( $L/G$ ). These two factors will plot out as a straight line on log-log paper over the range of normally experienced ratios of  $L/G$ . The correlation is somewhat affected by magnitudes of  $L$  and  $G$ ; but again for normally experienced values, they do not spread the correlation unduly.

### Merkel's Approximate Solution

By making rather broad assumptions, Merkel has presented a convenient equation in terms of cooling factor ( $\alpha$ ) where:

$$\alpha = \frac{h''_m - h_2}{\Delta T} = \frac{L}{KaV} + \frac{L}{2G} \quad (2)$$

with  $h''_m$  defined as:

$$h''_m = \frac{1}{\Delta T} \int_{T_1}^{T_2} h'' dT \quad (3)$$

Wood and Betts<sup>3</sup> have prepared a modifi-

cation of an original Merkel nomograph published in 1926. This more convenient nomograph, reproduced here, is an expression of Eq. 2 wherein the value  $KaV/L$  may be readily determined from range,  $T_2$ ,  $Twb$ , and  $L/G$ .

Reproduction has been made here to help in the understanding of how much and in what manner each variable affects the other. The accuracy is somewhat limited since certain approximations were introduced to allow the chart to be drawn up in this convenient form. A rather complete coverage of the deviations from the exact integration of Eq. 1 have been presented by Chilton<sup>4</sup> who has drawn a similar nomograph in terms of ( $\alpha$ ). He has graphically summarized his accuracy tests in terms of  $T_2$  for various  $L/G$  ratios.

Normally mechanical draft cooling towers are designed for  $L/G$  ratios ranging from 0.75 to 1.50, and accordingly the values of  $KaV/L$  vary from 0.50 to 2.50. With this range of conditions in mind, a little familiarity with handling the nomograph will do much in explaining what happens as each variable is changed.

For example: if a given tower is operating with a 20 F Range, a cold water temperature of 80 F, and a 70 F wet bulb, a straight line may be drawn on the nomograph. If the  $L/G$  ratio is calculated to be 1.00, then  $KaV/L$  may be established by a line drawn through  $L/G$  and parallel to the original line. The cooling coefficient  $KaV/L$  is thus established as 1.42. Let us then assume that if the wet bulb were to drop to 50 F, the  $L/G$  and  $KaV/L$  ratio may be assumed to remain reasonably constant. A new line parallel to the original will then show that for the same range the cold water temperature will drop to 70 F.

It must be realized that this nomograph is an approximate solution and the degree of accuracy will vary with changes in cooling as well as from tower to tower. There is no real substitute for the exact integration of Eq. 1.

inator and basin curb. These correlations are sufficiently accurate to use in most cases of estimating. However, more exact curves for specific installations may be obtained upon request from the manufacturer.

### Fan Performance Curves

Cooling tower fans have been built in a variety of types, shapes, and sizes over the past twenty years. In their present form they show the results of engineering for special requirements in corrosion, stressing, efficiency, and large delivery against low resistance. The blade sections vary in appearance from that of the early aeroplane propellers to that of an axial flow fan. Horsepower curves are fairly flat throughout the normal design region and therefore small changes in pressure drop will not materially affect the motor loading. Their performance follows the fan laws with fine accuracy provided the test unit used in establishing their data is not less than 0.4 scale.

The first basic fan law is tabulated as follows<sup>6</sup>:

Ratio of

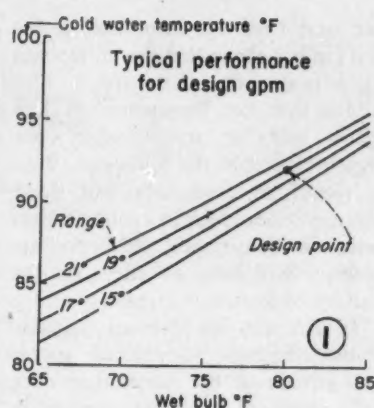
$$\text{Cfm.} = \text{rpm.}^1 \times D^3 \times 1$$

$$\text{Sp.} = \text{rpm.}^3 \times D^5 \times \rho$$

$$\text{Hp.} = \text{rpm.}^3 \times D^5 \times \rho$$

For example a point of rating on a fan performance curve (cfm., sp, hp) may be transferred to that at another rpm.; diameter; and fluid density by use of the above relationships. This set of fan laws applies to geometrically similar series of fans. The relationships of rpm. and density may be applied to non-geometrically similar fans provided the diameter relationship is not required.

Cooling tower fans may have a different design of air foil section for each size or all sizes may be built geometrically similar to one another. In the first case, as a size of fan is contemplated for production it is necessary to build up a completely different design from that of the next size in the series. This requires a multitude of fan rating data and consequently a vast amount of test work on each and every size or scale model. On the other hand a highly efficient design may be developed which can be used for all sizes, by merely making each fan geometrically similar in every respect to the others in the series.



### Effect of Fan Pitch Angle

It is interesting to observe how a fan will perform with various pitch angle settings. Fig. 5 is a plot showing how a cooling tower fan will perform over a wide range of cfm. and static pressure conditions. This particular plot is typical of a rather low efficiency blade design. Static efficiency has been plotted against the specific speed characteristic "N," for

various pitch angle settings where:

$$N_s = \frac{(\text{rpm.})(\text{cfm.})^{1/2}}{(\text{sp.})^{3/4}} \quad (4)$$

This correlation is independent of fan size and shows peak efficiencies for various pitch angles occurring between 155,000 and 170,000 specific speed. Also it is noted that the efficiency of this typical design increases with pitch angle up to 16°. Any further increase in pitch results in a decline in efficiency. This is generally true of all fans regardless of design.

By arbitrarily choosing values of cfm and static pressure, and holding N, constant at 170,000 (peak for this design at 16°), we may then compute data for Fig. 6. For any required cfm. and static pressure it is then possible to establish the exact fan speed to be used with the most efficient pitch angle. The fan diameter to be used with this speed, however, is unknown and must be established by cross plot of N, with the Specific Diameter Character "D," where—

$$D_s = \frac{D \times (\text{sp.})^{1/4}}{(\text{cfm.})^{1/2}} \quad (5)$$

The value of D, corresponding with 170,000 N, is in this case 0.00259. Again arbitrary values of cfm. and static pressure may be assumed and values of D computed. Fig. 7 represents such a plot for establishing optimum diameters.

### How to Get Peak Efficiency

Fig. 6 and 7 may then be used to determine the most efficient combination of fan size and speed for a given cfm and static pressure. It is apparent that certain combinations of cfm and static pressure will result in sizes and speeds not always available because of size breaks in fan diameters as well as normally supplied gear ratios. It is for these reasons that other pitch angles are available for flexibility. In certain cases it is not practical to design for peak efficiency since this would result in high first cost. Each cooling tower design must be considered as an individual case and the fan selected on the basis of the installation requirements.

It is apparent that the peak efficiency of a fan must be met with reasonable exactness on any cooling tower installation where fan horsepower is considered along with the

### NOMENCLATURE

K	Diffusion coefficient, lb./sq. ft./hr. (lb./lb.)
a	Interfacial area, sq. ft./cu. ft.
V	Active cooling volume, cu. ft./sq. ft. of plan area
L	Water rate, lb./hr.
G	Air rate, lb. dry air/hr.
L/G	Commonly referred to as liquid to gas rate lb./lb.
T	Water temperature, F.
Twb	Wet bulb temperature of entering air, F.
Range	Water temperature change accomplished by tower, F.
h	Enthalpy of air stream, Btu./lb. dry air
h''	Enthalpy of saturated air at water temperature, Btu./lb. dry air
h'' <sub>m</sub>	Mean value of h'' as defined by Merkel equation, Btu./lb. dry air
α	Cooling factor as defined by Merkel equation
H <sub>e</sub>	Effective cooling height defined as distance between drift eliminator and basin curb, ft.
Hp.	Horsepower
Gpm.	Water rate, gal./min.
Rpm.	Fan speed, rev./min.
Cfm.	Air rate, cu. ft./min.
D	Fan diameter, ft.
ρ	Air density, lb./cu. ft.
N <sub>s</sub>	Fan performance characteristic, "Specific Speed"
D <sub>s</sub>	Fan performance characteristic, "Specific Diameter"
Se.	Static efficiency
Sp.	Static pressure, inches water

Subscript 1 Refers to conditions at top of tower

Subscript 2 Refers to conditions at bottom of tower



## COOLING TOWERS . . .

### Typical Fan Hp. Requirements

Wet Bulb F.	No. Fans		% Design Fan Hp.	% Design Rpm.
Single Speed Motors				
	On	Off		
77	8	0	100	
75	8	0	100	
73	8	0	100	
70	8	0	100	
65	7	1	88	
60	7	1	88	
55	7	1	88	
50	7	1	88	
45	6	2	75	
Two Speed Motors				
	Full Speed	Half Speed		
77	8	0	100	
75	8	0	100	
73	7	1	90	
70	6	2	78	
65	4	4	56	
60	3	5	45	
55	2	6	34	
50	1	7	23	
45	0	8	13	
Variable Speed Drive				
77			100	100
75			78	92
73			64	86
70			50	79
65			34	69
60			24	62
55			18	57
50			14	52
45			11	48

first cost for a long term pay out period. The cooling tower manufacturer has other variables along with the flexibility in fan size, speed, and pitch angle which are used to establish an optimum selection. These include number of fan blades per fan, cell size, tower height, type of distribution system, and type of packing. There are many combinations of tower sizes and equipment that will satisfy any one cooling requirement.

Bear in mind that a cooling tower selection (quotation) is only as good as the inquiry. Requests for quotation for a specific gpm and temperature conditions are not sufficient in most cases since there are unlimited combinations of cooling towers which will meet these requirements. If the manufacturer is provided with sufficient information to know exactly how a particular quotation is to be judged he can then offer his best selection.

### Static Efficiency Equation

Fans supplied on towers receiving strict evaluation of power are frequently furnished with two speed motors. Variable speed drives may also be used for these services. These extra control measures allow the fan horsepower to decrease with the wet bulb

and heat load. An inspection of the first fan law shows that fan horsepower varies as the cube of the speed. This means that fan horsepower at half speed will be approximately one eighth of that at the full speed. This is almost an exact ratio but slight variation does occur in cooling towers since the density and static pressure variance will have an effect on the half speed horsepower reading.

It may also be observed that the static efficiency at reduced speeds will remain at the same high value as experienced at design conditions. If the variables in the equation for static efficiency are adjusted for half speed conditions (see fan laws—effect of rpm.) the fan law multipliers cancel out and result in the same efficiency—

$$\text{Static Eff.} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \text{ Cfm.} \times (\frac{1}{2})^2 \text{ Static press.}}{6356 \times (\frac{1}{2})^3 \text{ Horsepower}}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Cfm.} \times \text{Static press.}}{6356 \times \text{Horsepower}} \quad (6)$$

### Single vs Variable-Speed Drives

Controllable pitch fans have at times been suggested for use on evaluated cooling tower applications. An inspection of Fig. 5 shows that efficiency falls off rapidly with decrease in pitch angle whereas controllable speed fans allow the same high efficiency to be maintained throughout the range of operation. Controllable speed drives are available on the market which have proven themselves over many years of operation. It is anticipated that cooling tower units with fan speed control will increase in popularity as more and more plants have experience in their operational advantages.

The table shows how a horsepower savings may be realized on a typical multicell cooling tower equipped with single speed motors, two speed motors, or variable speed drive. Such an installation is normally sold with single or two speed motors. It is apparent, however, that the variable speed drive does have a distinct advantage if power consumption is of prime consideration. Frequently, a plant will operate at full speed most of the year since colder water in many processes means more product. Where a steady cold temperature is advantageous, con-

trollable fan speeds are the recommended answer.

Since cooling towers are rated for specific design conditions it is also common practice to report fan horsepower which will be experienced at design. Total horsepower reported in a quotation normally includes fan horsepower at design plus gear loss. This results in motor output horsepower at design conditions. If an evaluation of power requirements is essential the motor output horsepower must be converted to motor input by the use of motor efficiency.

One point that is frequently in question or overlooked is the fact that fan horsepower is a direct function of the density of the air it is handling. (See first fan law.) For this reason the fan horsepower will be slightly greater during cold weather operation or at reduced heat loads. This increase in horsepower is a reasonably small percentage over design since the variance in exit air density is small.

Changes in fan horsepower caused by a change in water rate over the tower will be almost insignificant. A variance in water rate will result in a change in tower pressure drop, but the horsepower curves for cooling tower fans are reasonably flat in the normal region of design. So little change in power will be experienced.

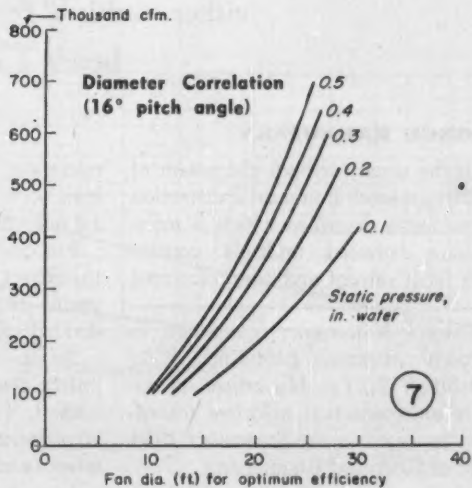
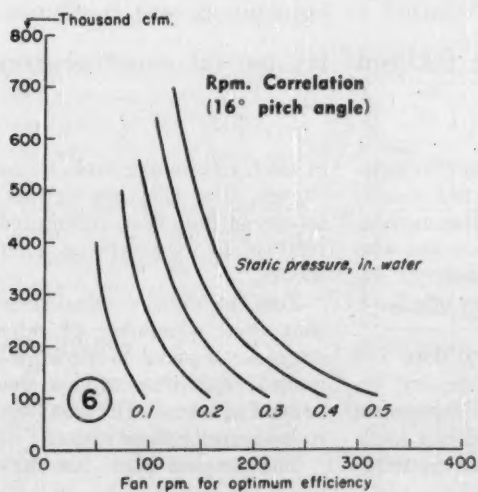
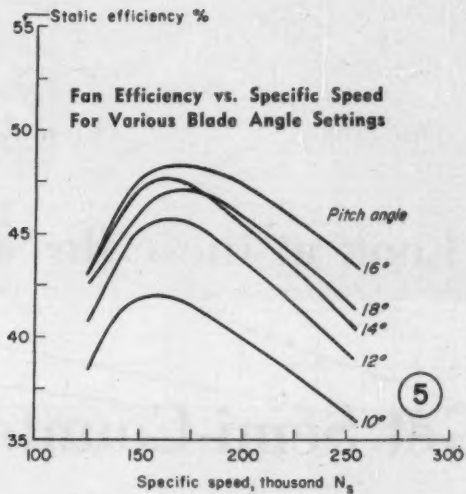
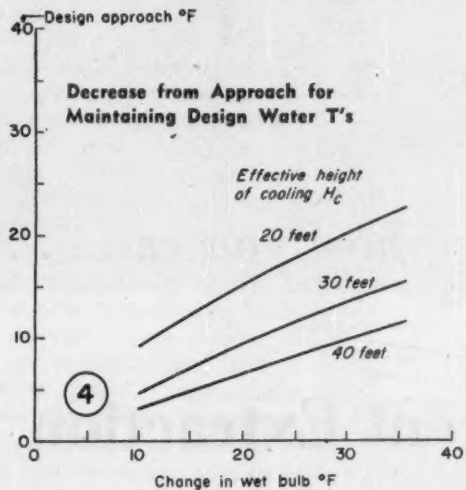
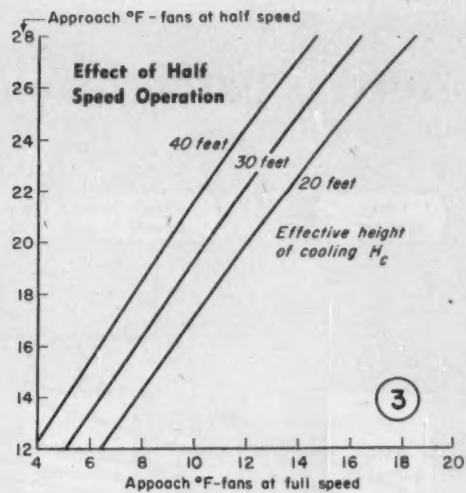
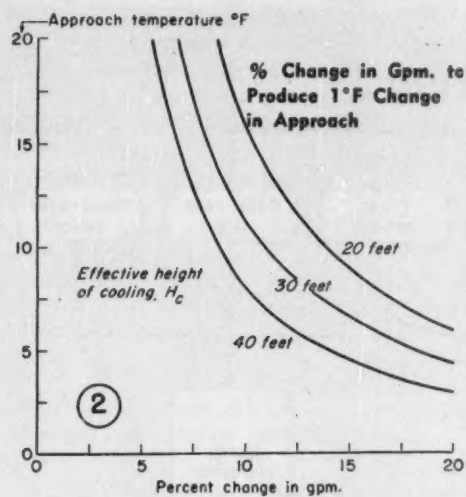
### To Sum Up

The cooling tower is a recirculating water cooler for the removal of waste industrial heat. The basic principle of operation, which is cooling by evaporation, is seemingly simple in design. The proper selection of equipment as well as operation techniques are, however, somewhat more involved than appear on the surface.

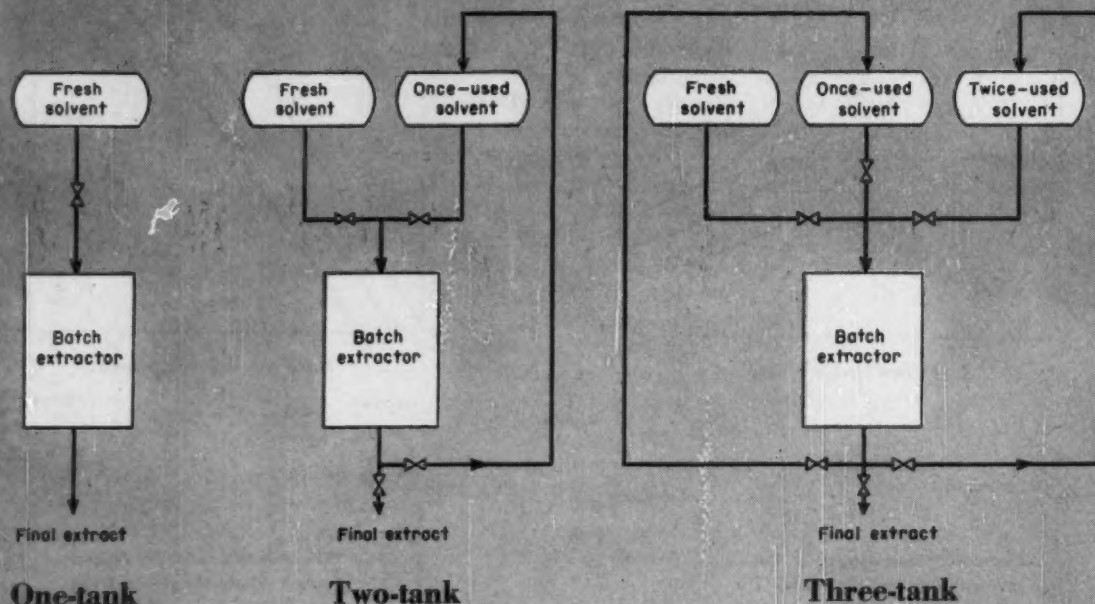
It is required that more useful estimating data as well as operating techniques be made more generally known. Close association between the purchaser and manufacturer will result in more nearly optimum selection and operation of this equipment.

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## Need a batch leaching system?



Look at these three and see how you can . . .

## Get Semi-Countercurrent Extraction

Many batch leaching problems do not justify either multiple fresh solvent contact or countercurrent methods. So here's a compromise for you: try partial countercurrency.

### GEORGE KARNOFSKY

In the usual textbook discussion of multistage batch liquid-solid extraction no means is described which is intermediate between multiple contact with fresh solvent and countercurrent

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operation. Yet many extraction problems occur which for practical reasons are not well handled by either method.

For example, let's suppose you wish to extract nearly completely an impurity from 2,000 lb. a day of a finely divided solid.

So modest a capacity does not justify continuous countercurrent operation. The most practical equipment arrangement, then, consists of a single mixer or contactor, a basket centrifuge

or filter, and suitable tanks for solvent storage. The solids are slurried with solvent in the mixer, centrifuged and returned to the mixer for additional washes.

Your preliminary calculations will show that a number of extraction stages are required to accomplish the desired separation with a practical amount of solvent. The next step: how to best arrange these stages.

The simplest plan, but the most



costly in the use of fresh solvent, employs multiple contacting with fresh solvent and requires only one tank to hold solvent. Countercurrent extraction, by which each batch would be washed with solutions of successively increasing concentration held over from the previous run, would cut down fresh solvent consumption. But it would require as many storage tanks as there are extraction stages and a complicated system of solvent handling.

### A Happy Medium

Practically speaking, then, it would seem advantageous to employ partial countercurrent methods involving a number of tanks which is more than one but less than the number of stages. Equations are developed here which will indicate how an intermediate number of tanks can be justified.

The extraction methods proposed are similar in principle to true countercurrent operation—the product solution is last in contact with fresh solid feed and the extracted solids are last in contact with fresh solvent. But there is this difference: each batch is contacted more than once with each of the solutions of successively decreasing concentration held over in each tank from the preceding batch. In this manner a large number of washes may be used but the variety of solutions of different concentration used—and the number of tanks required to store them—is reduced.

Let  $m$  equal the number of tanks to be used (including the one for fresh solvent storage) and the number of times a solvent of different concentration will be employed to wash the batch.

Let  $n$  equal the number of times the solids will be contacted with a wash of a particular concentration before being contacted with a wash of lower concentration.

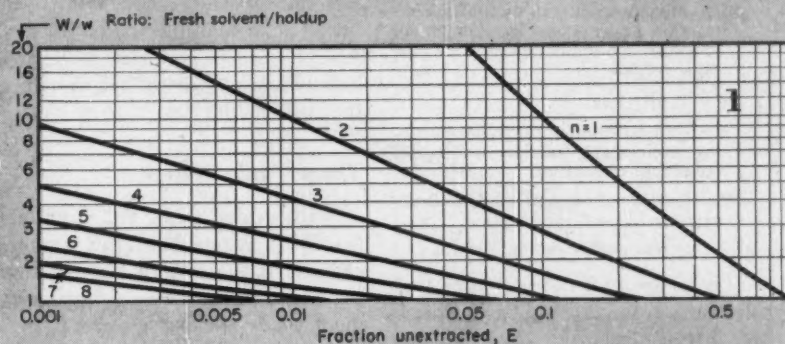
Then  $mn$  equals the total number of extraction stages to be used (the number of times the solids and solvent are to be mixed and separated).

### One-Tank System

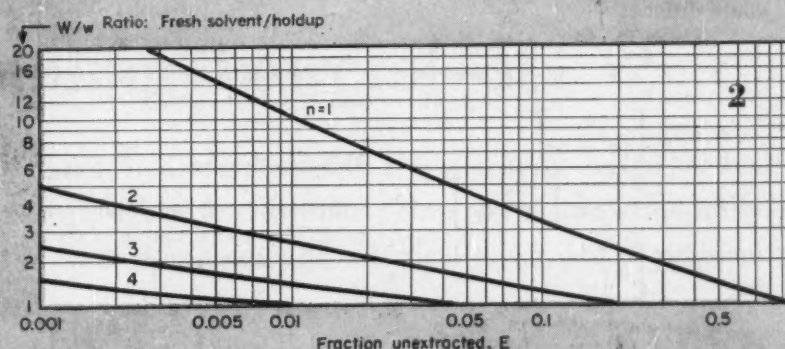
There is only one single tank system: multiple wash with fresh solvent. Although the calculation for this system is familiar it is instructive to

## How many times ( $n$ ) do you need fresh solvent?

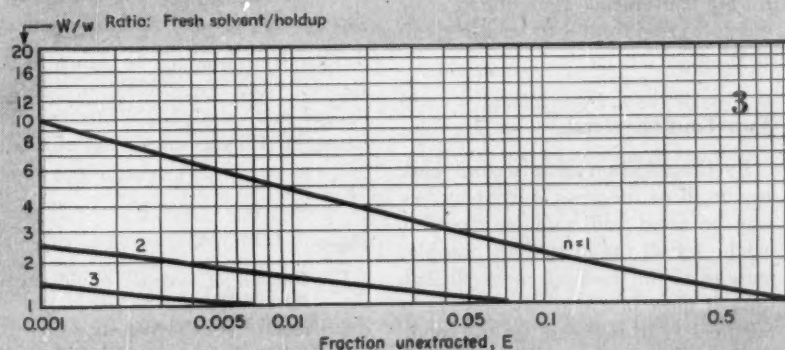
### With one-tank system . . .



### With two-tank system . . .



### With three-tank system . . .



derive the equation by which the number of theoretical equilibrium stages is determined.

Let  $s$  = initial solute content, pounds solute per pound of solute-free solids.

$w$  = solution holdup in drained solids leaving each extraction stage, cubic feet per pound of solute free solids

$W$  = solvent applied in each of  $mn$  extraction stages, cubic feet per pound of solute free solids ( $mn = n$  for one-tank system)

$\alpha = w/(W + w)$

$x$  = concentration of the solution leaving each stage, pounds solute per cubic foot of solution

$E$  = fraction of original solute still unextracted at end of process

Subscripts represent stage numbers

It is assumed for this derivation that all solute dissolves completely during the first contact with finely divided solids with solvent and that the only solute unrecovered after each separation is in the form of solution holdup.

For the first extract  $x_1 = s/W$

For the second extract, since all solute dissolves:

$$x_2 = \frac{x_1 w}{W + w} = \frac{s}{W} \left[ \frac{w}{W + w} \right]$$

$$x_n = \frac{s}{W} \left[ \frac{w}{W + w} \right]^{n-1}$$

$$E = \frac{x_n w}{s} = \frac{w}{W} \left[ \frac{w}{W + w} \right]^{n-1} = \frac{W}{w} \left[ \alpha \right]^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{w}{W} = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha}, \therefore E = \frac{\alpha^n}{1 - \alpha}$$

Fig. 1 was obtained by assuming values for  $n$  and  $\alpha$ , substituting in the above expression, and plotting on log-log paper the calculated values for  $E$ . For convenience the ordinate scale was converted from  $\alpha$  to read in terms of  $W/w$ .

## Two-Tank System

By the addition of a second tank any or all of the fresh solvent washes may be saved and used on the next batch. Of all the operations possible, reuse of all the washes is most efficient since it most nearly approaches countercurrent. In that case let the solids be washed  $n^*$  times with a mixture of once-used solvent saved from the last batch, then with  $n$  washes of fresh solvent.

$$E = \frac{\alpha^{2n}}{(1 - \alpha) \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha(1 - \alpha^n)}{n(1 - \alpha)} \right]}$$

Fig. 2 represents this relationship and was plotted similarly to Fig. 1. Comparison of Figs. 1 and 2 will demonstrate that in practically any case the two-tank system is more desirable than multiple wash with fresh solvent since it uses little more than half as much fresh solvent to achieve the same result.

## Three-Tank System

Many cycles can be visualized for a three-tank system but again the most efficient is the one that is the most nearly countercurrent. In this arrangement solids are first washed  $n$  times with a mixture of twice-used solvent, then  $n$  times with a mixture of once-used solvent, then  $n$  times with fresh solvent.

$$E = \frac{\alpha^{3n}}{(1 - \alpha) \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha(1 - \alpha^n)}{n(1 - \alpha)} \right]^2}$$

Fig. 3 was obtained as were Figs. 1 and 2.

## M-Tank System

Although of doubtful practical value, the general case for a system of  $m$  tanks will be recognized as

$$E = \frac{\alpha^{mn}}{(1 - \alpha) \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha(1 - \alpha^n)}{n(1 - \alpha)} \right]^{m-1}}$$

Substituting  $n = 1$  gives the equation for fully countercurrent extraction with  $m$  stages,

$$E = \left( \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right)^m = \left( \frac{w}{W} \right)^m$$

This expression can be shown to be identical with Eq. (271), p. 426 in Badger and McCabe's "Elements of Chemical Engineering," 2nd edition:

$$F = \frac{1}{1 + a_m(1 + a + a^2 + \dots + a^{m-1})}$$

where

$F$  = fraction of original solute unextracted (equal to our  $E$ )

$m$  = number of extraction steps

\* $n$ , it should be remembered, will be different for each system. If  $T$  is the total number of extraction stages (washes to be given), then  $n = T/m$ . Hence, for the one-tank system,  $n$  equals  $T/1$ ; for the two-tank system,  $n$  equals  $T/2$ , etc.

$a = W/w$  (constant for all stages save the last, or  $n$ th, stage)

when

$$a_m = (W - w)/w = a - 1$$

Now

$$F = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(a-1)(1-a^m)}{1-a}} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{\alpha} - 1 \therefore F = \left( \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right)^m = E$$

## Example Problem

It is desired to remove 99.7% of an impurity from a granular solid by batch extraction using a total of six (T) washes. What are the relative amounts of fresh solvent that will be required by one-, two- and three-tank systems and by countercurrent treatment?

The ratio of solvent applied in each washing operation to the solution holdup is  $W/w$ . This ratio is particularly significant in that it also represents the ratio of fresh solvent applied  $n$  times to the holdup liquor. Therefore  $nW/w$  equals the relative volume of fresh solvent required in each system to achieve the same degree of solute extraction. Values for  $W/w$  in the table were read from Figs. 1, 2 and 3.  $W/w$  for countercurrent operation was calculated.

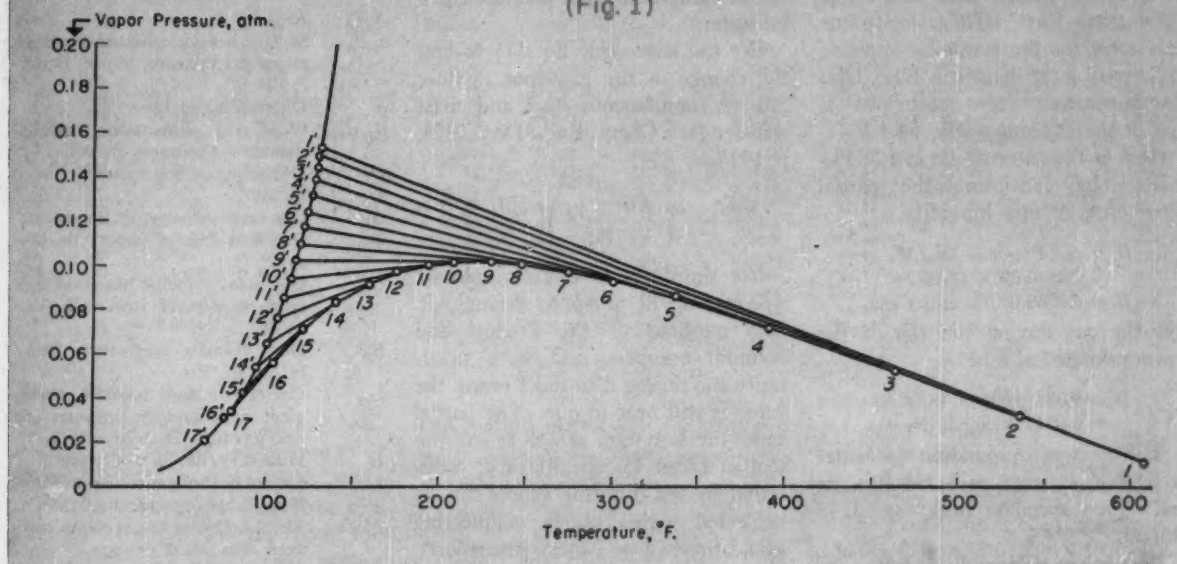
System	$\delta/m$	$W/w$	Fresh Solvent ( $nW/w$ )
One-tank	6	1.8	10.8
Two-tank	3	1.9	5.7
Three-tank	2	2.05	4.1
Countercurrent ( $m = 6$ )	1	2.6	2.6

## Strike a Balance

In this example it is apparent that the one-tank system is wasteful of solvent and difficult to justify. Choice between the two- and three-tank plans can be determined by a study of cost of a tank versus cost of recovering the additional fresh solvent necessary for each batch. Should the solute itself be a desirable product another factor appears in favor of three tanks over one or two tanks: the smaller volume of extract produced (at higher concentration, of course) for the same amount of solute extracted may make subsequent solute recovery less costly. The three tank system approaches ideal countercurrent operation in its use of solvent and a more complex arrangement would probably not be in order.

## Graphical Solution Finds Intermediate Points

(Fig. 1)



HOW TO . . .

# Design Gas-Cooling Towers—II

Part I, in December, gave a new general design method for gas-cooling towers in which intermediate points are found graphically.

Here the method is applied to a typical tower design problem.

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In the first part of this article (Dec. 1954, p. 191) we discussed the development of a general design method for gas-cooling towers which operates successfully when simultaneous heat transfer and humidification or dehumidification take place. The method is largely graphical. As far as we know, it is the only method proposed, thus far, by which temperatures and partial vapor pressures at intermediate points in the tower can be calculated.

The method applies to the design of other equipment where simultaneous heat and mass transfer occur. Part I developed the necessary mathematical

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expressions, that allow a graphical point-to-point determination of the temperature and partial vapor pressure of the gas vapor mixture as it passes through the tower.

Usually 15 to 20 points on the *t-p* diagram are required. Finally, by calculating the quantity of heat transferred in each step, we can apply a graphical integration to find the total packing area and volume required.

### PRODUCER GAS COOLER

**Problem**—Producer gas enters a scrubber-cooler at 608 F. with a partial vapor pressure of 0.01 atm. and at 1 atm. total pressure. The gas is to be cooled to 80 F. and is supposed to leave the top of the tower at this temperature.

Cooling water enters the tower at 64.4 F. and is assumed to leave near

the wet-bulb temperature of the entering gases, at 130 F. The composition of the producer gas is:

Nitrogen	57.2%
Carbon monoxide	26.9%
Carbon dioxide	5.0%
Oxygen	1.0%
Hydrogen	9.3%
Methane	0.6%

The calculated molecular weight is 26.34 and the average specific heat calculated at the average gas temperature (344 F.) is 0.271 Btu./lb.-°F.

We want to design a cooling tower to handle 14,000 lb. of gas per hr. specifying the packing area necessary for simultaneous heat and mass transfer. The tower will be packed with wood grid. Slats are 0.75 by 6 in. with 3.75 in. clearance between the slats. In each hurdle, slats are set at right angles to those in the next hurdle.



Cooling water is sprayed into the tower by spray heads fixed at the top.

**Solution**—First we'll calculate the  $L/G$  ratio for the tower by applying an over-all heat balance. Base level of temperature (zero enthalpy) is that of the entering water, 64.4 F.

Heat of the entering gas can be calculated by converting the partial vapor pressure into humidity.

$$H = p_v / (P - p_v) \cdot M_v / M_a \\ = 0.01 / 0.99 \times 18 / 26.34 \\ H = 0.0069 \text{ lb./lb. of dry gas}$$

For the gas leaving the top of the tower saturated at 80 F.,

$$H = 0.034 / 0.966 \times 18 / 26.34 \\ = 0.0243 \text{ lb./lb. of dry gas}$$

The heat of evaporation for water at 64.4 F. is taken as 1,054 Btu./lb. and the specific heat as 0.48 Btu./lb.-°F.

For each pound of dry entering gas the heat is:

$$(608 - 64.4)(0.271) = 147.32 \text{ Btu.} \\ 0.0069(1,054) = 7.28 \\ 0.0069(0.48)(608 - 64.4) = 1.79 \\ \text{Total } 156.39 \text{ Btu.}$$

For each pound of dry gas leaving the heat is:

$$(80 - 64.4)(0.271) = 4.23 \text{ Btu.} \\ 0.0243(1,054) = 25.62 \\ 0.0243(0.48)(80 - 64.4) = 0.18 \\ \text{Total } 30.03 \text{ Btu.}$$

Therefore, the heat transferred to the water is 126.4 Btu./lb. of dry gas.

If we now assume that the ratio  $L/G$  is equal to  $x$  at the top of the tower, this equation must hold:

$$(x - 0.0243 + 0.0069) \cdot \\ (130 - 64.4) = 126.4 \text{ Btu./lb.} \\ (x - 0.0174)65.6 = 126.4 \\ x = 1.947$$

By a similar heat balance we find that, for the bottom of the tower,  $L/G = 1.930$ . The difference in flow ratio is due to the evaporation of water carried out of the tower with the gas.

#### CALCULATING INTERMEDIATE POINTS

Next, we'll calculate temperatures and vapor pressures at intermediate points in the tower. On the temperature-vapor pressure diagram, Fig. 1, point 1 represents the condition of the entering gas at the bottom of the tower (608 F., 0.01 atm.). Point 1' represents the leaving cooling water at the bottom of the tower. The temper-

ature is 130 F. and the point is located on the saturation vapor pressure curve for water.

We can now apply Eq. (1) to find the change in the gas-vapor mixture due to simultaneous heat and mass transfer (see *Chem. Eng.*, Dec. 1954, p. 191).

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} \left( \frac{P - p_v}{p_{ef}} \right) \left( \frac{c_p D_e}{k} \right)^{1/2}$$

For simplicity in this example we will take  $dp/dt = \Delta p/\Delta t$  throughout. The quotient of the Prandtl and Schmidt numbers,  $c_p D_e/k$ , is nearly unity and raising it to the  $1/2$  power the value is still near to one. The partial vapor pressure term as well as any correction factor for sensible heat transferred by the diffusing vapors can be neglected in this case for engineering calculations (see later discussion). Thus, we can connect points 1 and 1' with a straight line.

The line represents the trend in the initial change of the gas-vapor mixture due to simultaneous heat and mass transfer; it may be followed for a short distance only. This gives us point 2. From the diagram, at point 2,  $t_s = 536$  F. and  $p_v = 0.0316$  atm. Calculated humidity then is 0.02227.

The heat content of the gas-vapor mixture at point 2 is.

$$0.0271(536 - 64.4) = 127.81 \text{ Btu./lb.} \\ 0.02227[1,054 + \\ 0.48(471.6)] = 28.52 \\ \text{Total } 156.33 \text{ Btu./lb.}$$

We can now get the flow ratio at point 2. It is the ratio at the bottom plus the humidity at point 2 less the humidity of the entering gas.  $L/G = 1.930 + 0.02227 - 0.0069 = 1.945$ . Then by a heat balance we find the temperature of the cooling water

$$1.930(130 - 64.4) - 1.945(t_w - 64.4) = \\ 156.38 - 156.33 = 0.05 \\ t_w = 129.38 \text{ F.}$$

If we now connect point 2 and 2' by a straight line we may use this line for a short distance and arrive at point 3. We repeat the procedure until we reach the top of the tower. The results of the graphical step-by-step calculations are shown in the table above. Values are plotted on a partial vapor pressure temperature diagram in Fig. 1. Here we see that humidification occurs from the bottom

#### Nomenclature

$A$	Area, sq. ft.
$c, c_p$	Specific heat at constant pressure vapor-gas mixture, vapor, Btu./lb.-°F.
$d$	Differential operator
$d_s, d_w, d$	Wood-grid dimensions, height, clearance, thickness, ft.
$D_e$	Diffusion coefficient, sq. ft./hr.
$e$	2.7183
$G$	Gas mass velocity, lb./hr.-sq. ft.
$G_s$	Gas flow free of vapor, lb./hr.-sq. ft.
$G'$	Gas mass velocity based on free cross section of tower, lb./hr.-sq. ft.
$h_g$	Heat transfer coefficient, Btu./hr.-sq. ft.-°F.
$h_{gg}$	Corrected heat transfer coefficient at boundary between gas and gas film, Btu./hr.-sq. ft.-°F.
$H$	Humidity, lb./lb. of dry gas
$i_g'$	Latent heat of gas-vapor mixture, Btu./lb. of dry gas
$i_g''$	Total enthalpy of gas-vapor mixture, Btu./lb. of dry gas
$j'$	Heat transfer factor based on free cross section of tower, dimensionless
$k$	Heat conductivity of gas, Btu./hr.-sq. ft.-°F.
$L$	Liquid mass velocity, lb./hr.-sq. ft.
$L'$	Liquid mass velocity based on free cross section of tower, lb./hr.-sq. ft.
$M_a, M_v$	Molecular weight of gas-vapor mixture, of vapor, lb./lb.-mole
$p$	Partial vapor pressure, atm.
$p_s$	Partial vapor pressure of inert gas at main body of gas-vapor mixture, atm.
$p_{ef}$	Logarithmic mean partial pressure of the inerts in the gas film, atm.
$p_i, p_v$	Partial pressure of vapor at the interface, in the main body of the gas-vapor mixture, atm.
$p_w$	Partial vapor pressure of cooling liquid, atm. ( $=p_i$ )
$\Delta p$	$p_i - p_s$ , atm.
$P$	Total pressure, atm.
$q$	Sensible heat content of gas-vapor mixture, Btu./lb. of dry gas
$Q$	Heat transferred, Btu./hr.-sq. ft.
$t$	Temperature, deg. F.
$t_i, t_s$	Temperature at gas-liquid interface, at boundary between gas film and main body of gas stream, Btu./hr.-sq. ft.
$t_w$	Temperature of cooling liquid, °F.
$\Delta t$	$t_i - t_w$ , °F.
$\Delta t_m$	Logarithmic mean temperature difference through gas film, °F.
	Ratio between heat transfer coefficient for the sensible heat transferred by the diffusing vapors and convective heat transfer coefficient, dimensionless
$\mu$	Viscosity, lb./hr.-ft.
$\rho$	Density of gas-vapor mixture, lb./cu. ft.

### Calculation of Intermediate Points in a Gas-Cooling Tower Design

Point	$t_g$ , °F.	$P_g$ , atm.	$H$ , lb./lb.	$i_g''$ , Btu./lb.	$\Delta i_g''$ , Btu./lb.	$L/G$	$t_w$ , °F.	$p_w$ , atm.	$i_g'$ , Btu./lb.	$q$ , Btu./lb.	$-1/\Delta t$ , 1/°F.	$-1/\Delta t$ , 1/°F.
1	608	0.0100	0.0069	156.38	.....	1.930	129.0	0.1509	7.27	149.11	470.1	0.00209
2	536	0.0316	0.0223	156.33	0.05	1.945	129.4	0.1488	23.49	132.84	406.6	0.00246
3	464	0.0522	0.0376	155.14	1.24	1.961	128.2	0.1442	39.65	115.49	334.0	0.00298
4	392	0.0718	0.0528	152.75	3.63	1.976	126.5	0.1377	55.67	97.08	263.8	0.00378
5	338	0.0850	0.0635	149.44	6.94	1.987	124.5	0.1305	66.96	82.84	213.5	0.00470
6	302	0.0925	0.0696	145.71	10.67	1.993	122.4	0.1233	73.39	72.32	179.6	0.00556
7	275	0.0971	0.0735	142.02	14.36	1.997	120.5	0.1167	77.40	64.62	154.5	0.00646
8	248	0.1004	0.0763	136.94	19.44	1.999	117.9	0.1088	80.46	56.48	130.1	0.00770
9	230	0.1013	0.0770	132.17	24.21	2.000	115.5	0.1016	81.20	50.97	114.5	0.00874
10	212	0.1013	0.0770	126.65	29.73	2.000	112.7	0.0939	81.20	45.45	99.3	0.01008
11	194	0.1000	0.0759	119.86	36.52	1.999	109.4	0.0853	80.03	39.83	84.6	0.01182
12	176	0.0970	0.0734	111.54	44.84	1.997	105.3	0.0756	77.40	34.14	70.7	0.01414
13	158	0.0912	0.0685	100.69	55.69	1.992	99.9	0.0644	72.23	28.46	58.1	0.01720
14	140	0.0830	0.0618	87.89	68.49	1.985	93.7	0.0531	65.16	22.73	46.4	0.0216
15	122	0.0714	0.0525	72.41	83.97	1.976	85.9	0.0418	55.35	17.06	36.1	0.0277
16	104	0.0565	0.0409	54.63	101.75	1.964	77.0	0.0313	43.13	11.50	27	0.0370
17	80	0.0344	0.0243	29.97	126.41	1.947	64.4	0.0204	25.61	4.36	15.6	0.0642

of the tower until a point has been reached where the temperature is about 230 F.

Further cooling of the gas from this temperature to 80 F. at the top of the tower takes place under simultaneous dehumidification.

In column 10 of the table, values of  $i_g' = 1,054 H$  have been added, while in column 11, values of  $q = i_g'' - i_g'$  are shown. The value of  $i_g'$  represents the latent heat of the vapor contained in the gas, calculated at the temperature of the gas. Thus, values of  $q$  represent the true sensible heat content of the gas-vapor mixture calculated from the reference level.

#### CALCULATING PACKING AREA

We can find the area of the packing required by a graphical integration of Eq. (24). In this case we can assume that  $h_g$  is substantially constant between the bottom and top of the tower, due to the nearly constant gas and liquid rates.

Thus, Eq (24) reduces to a form where  $h_g$  is replaced by  $h_g$ ,

$$A = \int dA = \frac{G_o}{h_g} \int \frac{dq}{\Delta t}$$

For carrying out the graphical integration, values of  $q$  have been plotted against values of  $1/\Delta t$  (see the table above). The result is the curve shown in Fig. 2. The area under the curve, measured from the zero ordinate represents the value of the integral.

This area can be found either by measuring or by calculation and is equal to 1.524 Btu./lb.-°F. The packing area required for the tower is

$$A = (14,000/h_g)1.524 = 21,335/h_g$$

Now we can compare this value

with that calculated with a logarithmic mean temperature difference (as done by Furnas and Newton).

$$A = Q/h_g \Delta t_m$$

The total sensible heat transferred from the gas to the cooling water, neglecting humidification and dehumidification in the tower, is equal to  $0.271 (608-80) (14,000) = 2,003,000$  Btu/hr.

The logarithmic mean temperature difference between the bottom and the top of the tower equals  $\Delta t_m = 135$  °F. Therefore,

$$A = 2,003,000/135h_g = 14,840/h_g$$

There is a difference of about 44% with the older method giving the lower figure. It should be understood that considerably greater differences may be encountered in other cases.

#### TOWER DIMENSIONS

We will assume a square tower construction  $5.25 \times 5.25$  ft. with a cross section of 27.6 sq. ft. The gas mass velocity would be  $14,000/27.6 = 507$  lb./hr.-sq. ft., and the liquid mass velocity will be taken at an average of twice this amount or  $L = 1,014$  lb./hr.-sq. ft. These figures are based on the cross section of the tower.

The free cross section of the wood-grid packing is 83.3% of the total tower cross section. So the corrected mass velocities are  $G' = 607$  and  $L' = 1,220$  lb./hr.-sq. ft. Now we can apply Johnstone and Singh's formula<sup>8</sup> for wood-grid packing

$$j' = 0.035 \left( \frac{d_g G'}{\mu} \right)^{-0.3} + 0.053 \left( \frac{d_g^2}{d_g d_g} \right)^{0.4} \\ = 0.035 \left( \frac{0.312 \times 607}{0.057} \right)^{-0.3} +$$

$$0.053 \left( \frac{0.0039}{0.312 \times 0.5} \right)^{0.4}$$

$$j' = 0.0069 + 0.0121 = 0.0190$$

The heat transfer coefficient can be calculated from

$$h_g = j' c G' / (c \mu / k)^{2/3}$$

At the average temperature in the tower (344 F.), the value of  $c \mu / k$  is  $(0.271)(0.057)/0.0302 = 0.511$ . Raising this to the  $2/3$  power gives 0.64. Therefore,

$$h_g = 0.0190(0.271)(607)/0.64$$

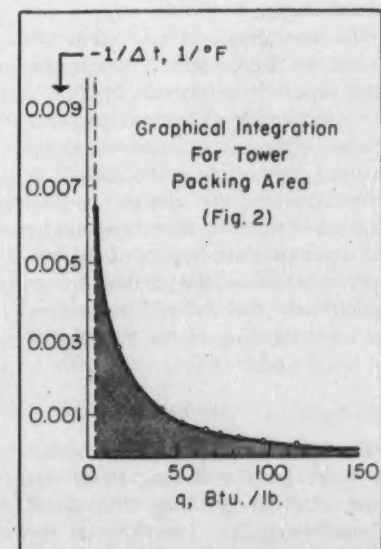
$$h_g = 4.9 \text{ Btu./hr.-sq. ft.-°F.}$$

And the required area of the packing is

$$A = 21,335/h_g = 21,335/4.9$$

$$A = 4,325 \text{ sq. ft.}$$

We can also calculate that the tower contains about 6 sq. ft. of packing area per cu. ft. of volume. Hence, the tower packing volume required is 725





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## Correction Factors at Some Intermediate Points

Point in Tower	$P - p_s$ atm.	$p_{sf}$ atm.	$\ln \frac{(P - p_s)}{(P - p_i)}$	$\epsilon$	$\epsilon^e$	$\frac{P - p_s}{p_{sf}}$	$\frac{\epsilon^e - 1}{\epsilon^e}$
1	0.990	0.918	0.1534	0.1856	1.2040	$1.078 \times 0.913$	$= 0.98$
3	0.948	0.902	0.1021	0.1236	1.1315	$1.050 \times 0.942$	$= 0.99$
8	0.900	0.897	0.0094	0.0113	1.0114	$1.0 \times 1.0$	$= 1.00$
12	0.903	0.913	-0.0234	-0.0284	0.972	$0.990 \times 1.015$	$= 1.01$
16	0.944	0.957	-0.0264	-0.0319	0.968	$0.987 \times 1.037$	$= 1.02$

cu. ft. and the height of the cooling tower is  $725/27.6 = 26.2$  ft.

## DIMENSIONS—FURNAS' METHOD

For comparison we will now calculate the dimensions of the tower using the method proposed by Furnas and Newton.<sup>7</sup> Note that the grid packing chosen for the tower has the same dimensions and spacing as that on which the Furnas-Newton data are based. Therefore, by using their proposed equation for the heat transfer coefficient of producer gas

$$H_s = 21W + 14G^{0.4}$$

where  $H_s$  = Btu./hr.-cu. ft.-°F.;  $W$  = lb. of water/sec.-sq. ft.; and  $G$  = lb. of gas/sec.-sq. ft.,

$$H_s = 12.40 \text{ Btu./hr.-cu. ft.-°F.}$$

Using their length equation the tower is about 49 ft. high.

We should note though, that although the tower packing in Furnas' and Newton's experiments was the same as that assumed in our calculations, the experimental tower was only  $\frac{1}{3}$ -filled with packing, due to the spacing of each set of packing hurdles. So, the actual packed height of the experimental tower would amount to about 16 ft. against the 26 ft. calculated above.

This new graphical method is not limited to the system producer gas-water vapor. It is generally applicable to a wide variety of systems and conditions because it is based on sound chemical engineering principles.

In addition the design method helps in visualizing the temperature and vapor pressure history of the gas-vapor mixture in the cooling tower. Undoubtedly this will add to the general understanding of the behavior of the tower under varying conditions.

## DISCUSSION

The temperature-partial vapor pressure curve for the cooling tower was constructed by assuming that  $dp/dt$  is equal to  $\Delta p/\Delta t$ . This neglects the

groups  $(P - p_s)/p_{sf}$ ,  $(c_p D_s/k)^{0.75}$  and  $(\epsilon^e - 1)/\epsilon^e$ . In the table above we have calculated some values for these groups at several points in the tower.

The product of the two groups  $(P - p_s)/p_{sf}$  and  $(\epsilon^e - 1)/\epsilon^e$  is given in the last column of the table. We can see that they, in effect, neutralize each other. So it is entirely justified to neglect them here.

For calculation of  $\epsilon$ , we used Eq. (17) and took  $c_p M_s/c M_s$  as equal to 1.210 for all cases, while the group  $(c_p D_s/k)^{0.75}$  was assumed to be equal to unity. This last assumption is somewhat uncertain, due to the lack of a reliable figure for  $D_s$ . We believe, however, that the error involved is negligible in comparison with the accuracy of the available heat and mass transfer coefficients for towers.

In calculating the cooling tower we used Johnstone and Singh's heat and mass transfer coefficient for wood-grid based on experiments at normal temperature. The heat transfer coefficient was evaluated at the average gas temperature, 344 F., by using estimated values for the specific heat and viscosity at that temperature.

Actually the heat transfer coefficient is not constant in the tower. The temperatures change from point to point and so does the gas mass velocity. The coefficient increases at higher temperatures because of the effect of increased heat conductivity, not quite counter-balanced by increased viscosity.

Since most of the packing is required at the cold end of the tower, (see Fig. 2), the heat transfer coefficient calculated at the average tower temperature is on the safe side. It is generally agreed that Johnstone and Singh's<sup>8</sup> coefficients are high.

We have neglected the liquid film resistance for heat transfer. This agrees with observations by Johnstone and Singh. They found little effect of the liquid rate on mass transfer-coefficient at liquid velocities above

40-95 lb./hr.-ft. of wetted perimeter. It should be understood that at these liquid rates the packing was completely wetted.

The minimum liquid rate at which uniform liquid film could be maintained on the wood-grids was found to be approximately 22.5 lb./hr.-ft. of wetted perimeter.<sup>9</sup> In our design example the liquid rate is about 190 lb./hr.-ft. of wetted perimeter. Let us add that at the present time there is no pertinent information available for the magnitude of liquid film effect in gas-cooling towers as they are normally operated.

For determining the packing area required for the cooling tower, we calculated a heat transfer coefficient at the average tower temperature. No correction was made for the sensible heat transferred by the diffusing vapors. We can see from the table above that the corrected heat transfer coefficient,  $h_{sc} = h_s(\epsilon^e)/(\epsilon^e - 1)$ , is greater at the hot end but smaller at the cold end of the tower.

The deviation is greatest at the hot end, 8.7%, against 3.7% at the cold end—where most of the packing area is required in this example. It seems reasonable to neglect this effect for most engineering calculations.

On the whole, the new design method presented here is quite simple to handle for all towers where the same general conditions prevail as in our worked-out example. This is especially true if the tower has to handle air-water vapor mixtures or systems for which the quotient of the Schmidt-Prandtl ratio,  $c_p D_s/k$ , is near to unity.

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# Chemical Engineering Fundamentals

## Catalytic Vapor Phase Reactions—I

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In the two sections on catalysis and adsorption (*Chem. Eng.*, Nov. 1954, p. 236 and Dec. 1954, p. 198) we discussed the possible ways by which a gas may be adsorbed upon a solid surface. We also showed the relationship between the adsorption mechanism and the equilibrium adsorption equation. In this installment we'll see how these adsorption equations fit into catalytic kinetics.

Also, we will show how the rate equation for a catalytic reaction is determined by the mechanism of the reaction.

### Applying Adsorption to Catalysis

When a gas phase chemical reaction is promoted by a solid catalyst, it has to be accompanied by adsorption. The reactants are adsorbed; the products are formed in an adsorbed condition and must be desorbed. If there were no adsorption there would be no catalysis.

As more knowledge is obtained on the fundamentals of the adsorption phenomena, the greater will be our understanding of catalysis and reaction kinetics on catalytic surfaces. We now believe that the type of adsorption that plays the major role in catalysis is chemical adsorption.

Therefore, the steps involving adsorption and desorption in a catalytic reaction are classified along with the surface reaction as chemical steps. The adsorption step of a catalytic reaction is just like any other chemisorption process. The adsorption reactions and equations that we discussed last month are applicable to the adsorption and desorption steps of the catalytic reaction.

The type of adsorption reaction that takes place between each reactant and the catalyst—or would take place between each product and the catalyst were the products being adsorbed—has an important bearing on the over-all mechanism of a reaction. Therefore, in developing equations to represent catalytic processes, we should include terms that show the effect of adsorption of the individual components on the catalyst surface.

There have been attempts to correlate the rate of a catalytic reaction with equations similar to those used for homogeneous reactions—equations that do not pro-

vide for the adsorption terms and which assume an "order of reaction" upon the catalyst surface. In many cases these correlations were unsuccessful because the reaction rate constant was found to vary with composition and pressure.

It is now realized that a reliable rate equation for a catalytic reaction must contain terms which will account for the relative adsorptivity of the catalyst toward each of the components in the gas stream. The "order of reaction" concept, which may be used to explain the behavior of homogeneous reactions, falls far short of providing a reliable rate equation that truly represents a catalytic process.

### Development of Catalytic Rate Equations

The chemical engineer's interest in kinetics is generally from the point of view of its application to reactor design. To him a rate equation for a chemical reaction is satisfactory as long as it is reliable over a wide range of conditions—so that it may be applied with confidence to calculations on a large-scale reactor.

His interest in the rate equation as a means of gaining insight as to the mechanism of the reaction is usually secondary. However, if the experimental data from laboratory or pilot plant studies can be presented in a manner based on a theoretical correlation, they are useful not only for design calculations but also may give the process engineer some insight into the factors that affect the rate of the reaction.

A rate equation for a catalytic reaction has more chance of representing the true reaction conditions if it includes terms representing the adsorption of reactants and products on the catalyst surface. Equations of this type are presented in the two outstanding text books on this subject.<sup>1,2</sup>

### Basis of Catalytic Rate Equations

The rate equations are based upon the seven steps that a vapor phase catalytic reaction goes through. These were listed earlier but we'll repeat them here for your convenience: 1. Diffusion of the reactant to the surface of the catalyst; 2. Diffusion into the pores of

the catalyst; 3. Adsorption of the reactant on to the catalyst surface; 4. The actual chemical reaction or series of reactions that take place in the adsorbed phase on the catalyst surface; 5. Desorption of product molecules; 6. Diffusion of the products to the exterior of the catalyst pellet; 7. Diffusion from the pellet to the main gas stream.

Of these steps, 1, 2, 6 and 7 are purely physical steps. Steps 3, 4 and 5 are chemical steps (including chemisorption).

Equations have been derived for cases where chemical steps (adsorption, surface reaction and desorption) are the only rate-determining ones. These equations are applicable to the cases where steps 1, 2, 6 and 7 (the physical steps of film diffusion and pore diffusion to and from the catalyst) are rapid enough so that they do not at any time affect the over-all reaction rate.

The equations assume that there is actual chemical combination between the reactants and the active center, and that the active center behaves as a chain carrier. The role of the active center in the catalytic reaction is very similar to that of the free radical in the homogeneous reaction.

### How to Derive the Rate Equation

To derive a rate equation, first write a chemical equation for each step. Then assume that since all the steps are in series, the slowest controls the rate. The rate of the over-all reaction would be equal to that of the slowest step and all the rest of the steps would automatically be at equilibrium.

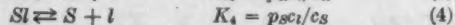
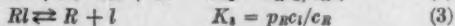
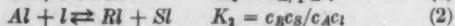
Next write an equation for the rate of the slow step in terms of the concentrations of adsorbed materials, empty active centers and partial pressures of the gases at the interface between gas and catalyst. If diffusion is negligible, the partial pressure at the catalyst surface is the same as in the main gas stream. Then eliminate the terms that contain concentration of active centers or adsorbed molecules (since these cannot be measured directly).

Here's a specific example of the derivation of a rate equation. Let's suppose the reaction of A going reversibly to R and S takes place by the following steps:

1. A molecule of A is adsorbed upon an active center on the catalyst.

2. The adsorbed molecule of A then reacts with a nearby active center to form R and S.

3. R and S are then desorbed into the main gas stream. Using the conventional symbol, *l*, to designate an empty active center, we can write the chemical equations for these steps.



In these equations  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ ,  $K_3$  and  $K_4$  represent the equilibrium constants for the individual steps;  $c_A$ ,  $c_R$  and  $c_S$  are the concentrations of the adsorbed gases; and  $c_l$  is the concentration of empty active centers. If any one of the above steps is slower than the rest it will be the rate-controlling step. The final form of the rate equation will depend upon which of the steps is the slow one. Let's choose as an example the case where step 1, the adsorption step, is the slow one. The rate of step 1 would be equal to the rate of the over-all reaction. The rest of the steps would be at equilibrium.

If we assume each step to be of simple order, the rate equation for step 1 is:

$$r = k_1 p_A c_l - k'_1 c_A \quad (5)$$

where  $k_1$  and  $k'_1$  may be regarded as forward and reverse rate constants of step 1. The equation is merely the application of mass action to the adsorption reaction. Writing  $k_1 p_A c_l$  for the forward rate is really the same as assuming that the adsorption reaction is a second order reaction in which the active center, *l*, is used as the second reactant. Writing  $k'_1 c_A$  for the reverse reaction assumes that the rate of desorption of A is proportional to the concentration of the active centers which hold A molecules. In other words, a desorption process also follows the law of mass action.

Eq. (5) is the rate equation for the reaction but it cannot be used as it stands because it contains the terms  $c_l$  and  $c_A$ . These are variables that cannot be measured. These quantities must be expressed in terms of variables that can be measured—the partial pressures of A, R or S.

Since step 1 is the rate controlling step it is not at equilibrium and the equation  $K_1 = c_A/p_A c_l$  can not be used to evaluate  $c_A$ . However, steps 2, 3 and 4 are at equilibrium and the equilibrium equations of these steps may be used. From Eq. (2),

$$c_A = c_R c_S / K_2 c_l \quad (6)$$

and from Eq. (3) and (4),  $c_R = p_R c_l / K_3$  and  $c_S = p_S c_l / K_4$ . Putting these values in Eq. (6) gives:

$$c_A = p_R p_S c_l / K_2 K_3 K_4 \quad (7)$$

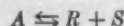
We can now substitute this value in Eq. (5) to give:

$$r = k_1 p_A c_l - (k'_1 p_R p_S c_l / K_2 K_3 K_4) \quad (8)$$

Since  $k_1 = k'_1 / K$ , we may factor  $k_1$  and  $c_l$ .

$$r = k_1 c_l [p_A - (p_R p_S / K_2 K_3 K_4)] \quad (9)$$

And since steps 1 through 4 add up to the over-all reaction



the product  $K_1 K_2 K_3 K_4$  must be equal to the equilibrium constant,  $K$ , for the over-all reaction. Thus

$$r = k_1 c_l [p_A - (p_R p_S / K)] \quad (10)$$

### Nomenclature (Consistent units)

A, B	Reactants
c	Concentration of adsorbed gas
k	Rate constant, forward reaction
k'	Rate constant, reverse reaction
K	Equilibrium constant
l	An active center
L	Total effective concentration of active centers
p	Equilibrium partial pressure of adsorbent gas
r	Reaction rate
R, S	Products

# Mechanisms and Their Corresponding Rate Equations

Chemical Equation	Catalytic Steps	Controlling Step	Rate Equation
$A \rightleftharpoons R$	$A + I \rightleftharpoons AI$ $AI \rightleftharpoons RI$ $RI \rightleftharpoons R + I$	$A + I \rightleftharpoons AI$ $AI \rightleftharpoons RI$ $RI \rightleftharpoons R + I$	$r = k[p_A - (p_R/K)]/(1 + K_R p_R)$ $r = k[p_A - (p_R/K)]/(1 + K_A p_A + K_R p_R)$ $r = k[p_A - (p_R/K)]/(1 + K_A p_A)$
$A \rightleftharpoons R$	$2A + I \rightleftharpoons A_2I$ $A_2I + I \rightleftharpoons 2AI$ $AI \rightleftharpoons RI$ $RI \rightleftharpoons R + I$	$2A + I \rightleftharpoons A_2I$ $A_2I + I \rightleftharpoons 2AI$ $AI \rightleftharpoons RI$ $RI \rightleftharpoons R + I$	$r = k[p_A^2 - (p_R^2/K^2)]/(1 + K_R p_R + K_R' p_R^2)$ $r = k[p_A^2 - (p_R^2/K^2)]/(1 + K_R p_R + K_A p_A^2)$ $r = k[p_A - (p_R/K)]/(1 + K_A p_A^2 + K_A' p_A + K_R p_R)$ $r = k[p_A - (p_R/K)]/(1 + K_A p_A^2 - K_A' p_A)$
$A \rightleftharpoons R + S$	$A + I \rightleftharpoons AI$ $AI + I \rightleftharpoons RI + SI$ $RI \rightleftharpoons R + I$ $SI \rightleftharpoons S + I$	$A + I \rightleftharpoons AI$ $AI + I \rightleftharpoons RI + SI$ $RI \rightleftharpoons R + I$	$r = k[p_A - (p_R p_S/K)]/(1 + K_R p_R p_S + K_R p_R + K_S p_S)$ $r = k[p_A - (p_R p_S/K)]/(1 + K_A p_A + K_R p_R + K_S p_S)$ $r = k[p_A - (p_R p_S/K)]/p_S [1 + K_A p_A + (K_A p_A/p_S) + K_S p_S]$
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$A + B \rightleftharpoons R + S$	$A + I \rightleftharpoons AI$ $B + I \rightleftharpoons BI$ $AI + BI \rightleftharpoons RI + SI$ $RI \rightleftharpoons R + I$ $SI \rightleftharpoons S + I$	$A + I \rightleftharpoons AI$ $B + I \rightleftharpoons BI$ $AI + BI \rightleftharpoons RI + SI$ $RI \rightleftharpoons R + I$	$r = k[p_A - (p_R p_S/K p_B)]/[(1 + K_R p_R p_S + K_B p_B + K_R p_R + K_S p_S)]$ $r = k[p_B - (p_R p_S/K p_A)]/[(1 + K_R p_R p_S + K_A p_A + K_R p_R + K_S p_S)]$ $r = k[p_A p_B - (p_R p_S/K)]/[(1 + K_A p_A + K_B p_B + K_R p_R + K_S p_S)^2]$ $r = k[(p_A p_B/p_S) - (p_R/K)]/[1 + K_A p_A + K_B p_B + K_S p_S + (K_R p_A p_B/p_S)]$

This leaves  $c_i$  as the only variable that can not be measured experimentally. Since the total number of active centers,  $L$  (occupied or unoccupied), is independent of conversion, we can write

$$L = c_i + c_A + c_R + c_S \quad (11)$$

Substitution of the previously obtained values of  $c_A$ ,  $c_R$ , and  $c_S$  gives:

$$L = c_i + \frac{p_R p_S c_i}{K_2 K_3 K_4} + \frac{p_R c_i}{K_3} + \frac{p_S c_i}{K_4} \quad (12)$$

Solving for  $c_i$ ,

$$L = c_i [1 + (p_R p_S / K_2 K_3 K_4) + (p_R / K_3) + (p_S / K_4)] \quad (13)$$

$c_i = L / [1 + (p_R p_S / K_2 K_3 K_4) + (p_R / K_3) + (p_S / K_4)]$   
With the substitution of this value of  $c_i$ , Eq. (10) becomes:

$$r = \frac{k_i L [p_A - (p_R p_S / K)]}{[1 + (p_R p_S / K_2 K_3 K_4) + (p_R / K_3) + (p_S / K_4)]} \quad (14)$$

or,

$$r = k [p_A - (p_R p_S / K)] / (1 + K_{RS} p_R p_S + K_R p_R + K_S p_S) \quad (15)$$

where  $k = k_i L$ ;  $K_{RS} = 1 / K_2 K_3 K_4 = K_1 / K$ ;  $K_R = 1 / K_3$  and  $K_S = 1 / K_4$ .

Note that the denominator contains no  $p_A$  term and that it is taken to the first power. The denominator of a catalytic rate equation is the feature which distinguishes it from the rate equation of a homogeneous gas phase reaction.

For a simple order homogeneous gas phase reaction the rate equation would be:

$$r = k [p_A - (p_R p_S / K)]$$

The denominator of Eq. (15) containing the adsorption terms would not appear (or might be considered as taken to the zero power). In Eq. (15) the denominator containing the adsorption terms is taken to the first power; also there is one "I" term in step 1, the controlling step of the reaction. We shall see later that the exponent of the denominator is equal to the number of active centers.

## What if Surface Reaction Controls?

The surface reaction is:



We can derive the over-all rate equation for the surface reaction controlling:

$$r = k_2 c_A c_i - k_2' c_R c_S \quad (16)$$

Since steps 1, 3 and 4 are at equilibrium, the following equations must hold:  $K_1 = c_A / p_A c_i$ ;  $K_3 = p_R c_i / c_R$  and  $K_4 = p_S c_i / c_S$ .

Therefore,  $c_A = K_1 p_A c_i$ ,  $c_R = p_R c_i / K_3$  and  $c_S = p_S c_i / K_4$ . Making these substitutions in Eq. (16),

$$r = k_2 K_1 p_A c_i^2 - (k_2' p_R c_i p_S c_i / K_3 K_4)$$

Since  $k_2' = k_2 / K_3$ , we may factor out  $k_2$  and  $c_i^2$  and divide



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through by  $K_1$  to clear the first term within the brackets of any coefficients. Thus,

$$r = k_2 K_1 c_1^2 [p_A - (p_R p_S / K_1 K_2 K_4)]$$

or,

$$r = k_2 K_1 c_1^2 [p_A - (p_R p_S / K)] \quad (16a)$$

Here we should note the similarity between Eqs. (10) and (16a). Eq. (10) contains  $c_1$  to the first power and is the equation for step 1 which involved one active center. Eq. (16a) is the equation for step 2 which involves two active centers. It has the term  $c_1^2$ .

The term  $c_1^2$  can be eliminated in the same way that we eliminated the  $c_1$  term above.

$$c_1^2 = L^2 / [1 + K_1 p_A + (p_R / K_2) + (p_S / K_4)]^2$$

$$r = k_2 K_1 L^2 [p_A - (p_R p_S / K)] / [1 + K_1 p_A + (p_R / K_2) + (p_S / K_4)]^2$$

or,

$$r = k [p_A - (p_R p_S / K)] / (1 + K_A p_A + K_R p_R + K_S p_S)^2 \quad (17)$$

where  $k = k_2 K_1 L^2$ ;  $K_A = K_1$ ;  $1/K_S = K_2$ ; and  $1/K_4 = K_2$ .

The equation for the controlling step contains two active centers and the denominator of Eq. (17) is raised to the second power. We can generalize now that the term containing the equilibrium adsorption constants is taken to the same power as the number of active centers involved in the controlling step. In noncatalytic reactions there are no active centers involved and so the denominator is taken to the zero power.

Comparison of Eqs. (15) and (17) shows another significant difference. A  $p_A$  term occurs in the denominator of Eq. (17) but does not appear in Eq. (15). Wherever the controlling step involves the adsorption of a reactant, the term involving the partial pressure of that reactant is absent from the adsorption terms in the rate equations.

### What About Desorption Controlling?

Now consider the case where the desorption of one of the products is the controlling step. Suppose that step 3,  $RI$  going reversibly to  $R$  and  $I$ , were the controlling step. The rate equation would be:

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We'll derive just a few more rate equations. We'll discuss the strong points and the shortcomings of this type of equation and try to evaluate the assumptions upon which they are based.

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$$r = k_3 c_R - k_3' - p_R c_I \quad (18)$$

and from Eqs. 1, 2 and 4 which are at equilibrium,  $c_A = K_1 p_A c_I$ ,  $c_R = K_2 c_A c_I c_S$ ; and  $c_S = p_S c_I / K_4$ .

Eliminate  $c_A$  and  $c_S$  from the first by substituting their values from the next two equations.

$$c_R = K_2 K_1 K_4 p_A c_I / p_S$$

This value of  $c_R$  is substituted in the rate equation (18),

$$r = (k_3 K_2 K_1 K_4 p_A c_I / p_S) - k_3' p_R c_I$$

Substitute  $k_1 / K_2$  for  $k_3'$  and factor out  $c_I$  and  $k_3 K_2 K_1 K_4$ .

$$r = k_3 K_2 K_1 K_4 c_I [(p_A / p_S) - (p_R / K_1 K_2 K_4)]$$

Now we must eliminate the variable  $c_I$  as we did before.

$$c_I = L / [1 - K_1 p_A + (K_1 K_2 K_4 p_A / p_S) + (p_S / K_4)]$$

Thus,

$$r = \frac{k_3 K_1 K_2 K_4 L [(p_A / p_S) - (p_R / K_4)]}{(1 - K_1 p_A - (K_1 K_2 K_4 p_A / p_S) - (p_S / K_4))}$$

or,

$$r = \frac{k [p_A - (p_R p_S / K)]}{p_S [1 + K_A p_A + (K_R p_R / p_S) + K_S p_S]} \quad (19)$$

In Eq. (19) the denominator is again taken to the first power since only one active center is involved in the controlling step. No  $p_A$  term appears in the denominator since it is the desorption of  $R$  that is the controlling step. However, there is one difference between this and previous equations. The adsorption terms are multiplied by the partial pressure of  $S$ , the product whose desorption is not controlling.

### Derivation of Additional Equations

We think it will be worthwhile to derive some additional common rate equations. And we plan to do that next month.

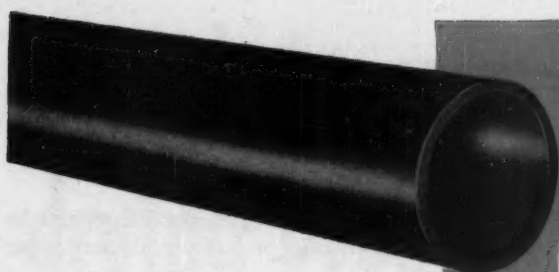
The equations derived represent only a small part of the total that may be possible. A more complete discussion of this type is presented in reference (1) below, and we refer you to that very excellent text on this subject. The same type of equation is also presented in Laidler's text.<sup>2</sup>

In the meantime, for your convenience, we are including in this installment a table of reaction mechanisms and their corresponding rate equations. Several of the most common reaction types are included. To say that the mechanisms shown are the most probable would be mere conjecture. Just because the simple mechanisms postulated seem probable does not necessarily mean that they are the mechanisms of most catalytic reactions. Few catalytic reactions have been studied from this point of view to date.

It is difficult to state, therefore, whether the mechanisms that are simplest to suppose are those which happen to occur in most cases.

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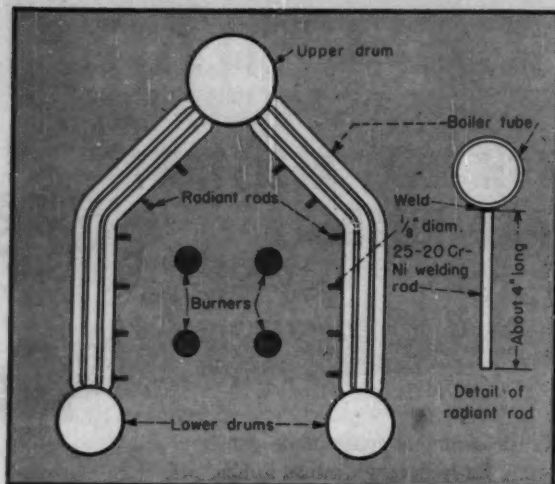
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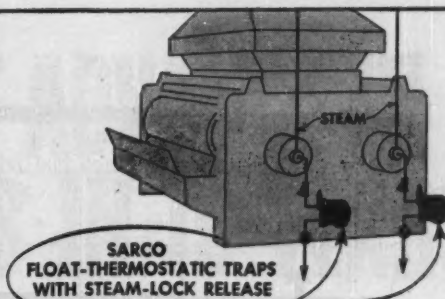
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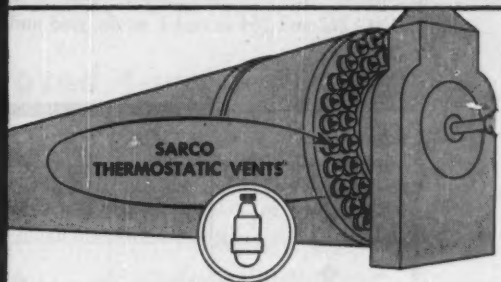


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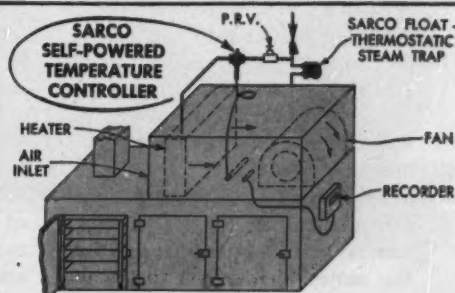
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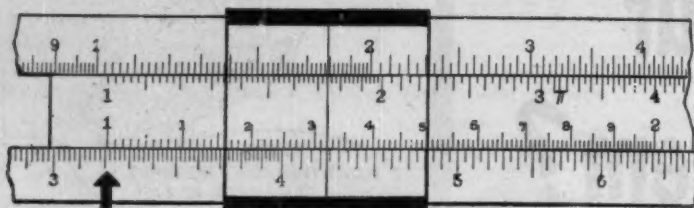
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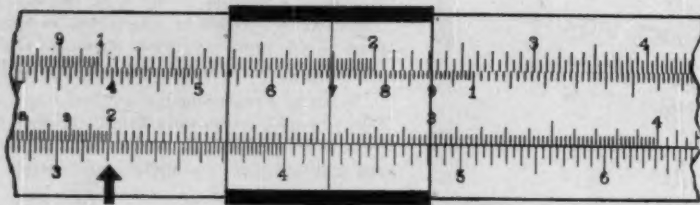


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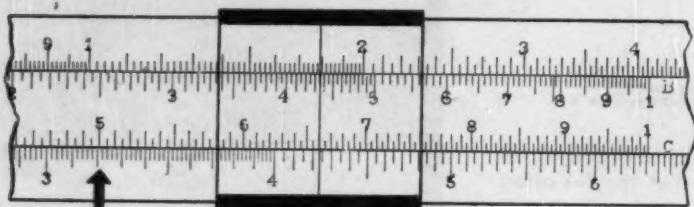
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USING 131 and 132 as match marks, read under 1—(Fig. 1)



USING 262 and 264 as match marks, read under 2—(Fig. 2)



USING 655 and 660 as match marks, read under 5—(Fig. 3)

## ★ October Contest Prize Winner

## Read Your Slide Rule to Four Places

Royes Salmon

Process Engineering Group, Union Oil Co. of California, Brea, Calif.

In case you ever have an urge to read your slide rule to four figures, here is one way it can be done. The method makes use of a modified vernier principle in which you find a pair of adjacent divisions on one scale ("match marks") which exactly match the distance between the desired answer on another scale, as marked by the hairline, and the nearest division on that scale. Of course, "slide-rule accuracy" seldom demands that extra decimal place, but it is an interesting trick which slide-rule addicts will want to know, "just in case."

Note that the subdivisions on the C and D scales from 1 to 2, from 2 to 4, and from 5 to 10 are of identical pattern and width. Only be-

tween 4 and 5 is there an odd pattern. So, match marks can usually be found between 1 and 2 or, failing that, between 4 and 5.

Let's say that the hairline is around 423 on the D scale and we want one more figure. Move the C scale until the space between two of its scale subdivisions coincides exactly with the space between 420 and the hairline. In this case you will find that there are three such positions or match marks, but first we shall examine only one of them, the points 131 and 132 on the C scale, in which 131 coincides with 420 and 132 coincides with the hairline.

Since 132 minus 131 is 1, read the D scale below 1 on the C scale

to get the amount that must be added to 420. (See Fig. 1.) In this case this gives approximately 3.2, so that the true hairline reading is  $420 + 3.2 = 423.2$ . But we might have used 262 and 264 on the C scale (Fig. 2), or 655 and 660 (Fig. 3). Since the difference between the first of these pairs is 2, we read below 2 on the C scale, again getting 3.2 as the quantity that must be added. If we used 655 and 660, the difference would be 5, so we would read below 5 on the C scale and again come up with 3.2 as the quantity to be added.

This method actually involves finding a pair of numbers, the difference in whose logs is equal to the difference in logs between the number under the hairline, and the number represented by the nearest lower scale division shown on the D scale.

Sometimes it works out that a subtractive use of the method will be more convenient. To do this we first match the distance from the hairline to the next higher scale division, then subtract the number we find from the value of the scale division appearing to the right of the hairline.

The method can be proved easily. Call the hairline reading  $X$ . Then:

$$\frac{X}{132} \times 131 = 420$$

This, you will note, is the actual setting of the slide rule.

$$X = \frac{132}{131} \times 420 = 420 + \frac{420}{131}$$

Now, the setting of the slide rule shows that  $420/131 = 3.2$ , so  $X = 420 + 3.2 = 423.2$ .

The same type of proof applies in case the subdivision width is either 2 or 5. For example:

$$\frac{X}{264} \times 262 = 420 \text{ (slide rule setting)}$$

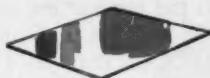
$$X = \frac{264}{262} \times 420 = 420 + 2 \times \frac{420}{262}$$

Again, the slide rule setting shows that  $2 \times (420/262) = 3.2$ , so  $X = 420 + 3.2 = 423.2$ .

With a little practice the method can also be used in reverse to obtain an accurate setting. Suppose we want to set the hairline to 466.1

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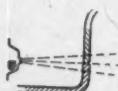
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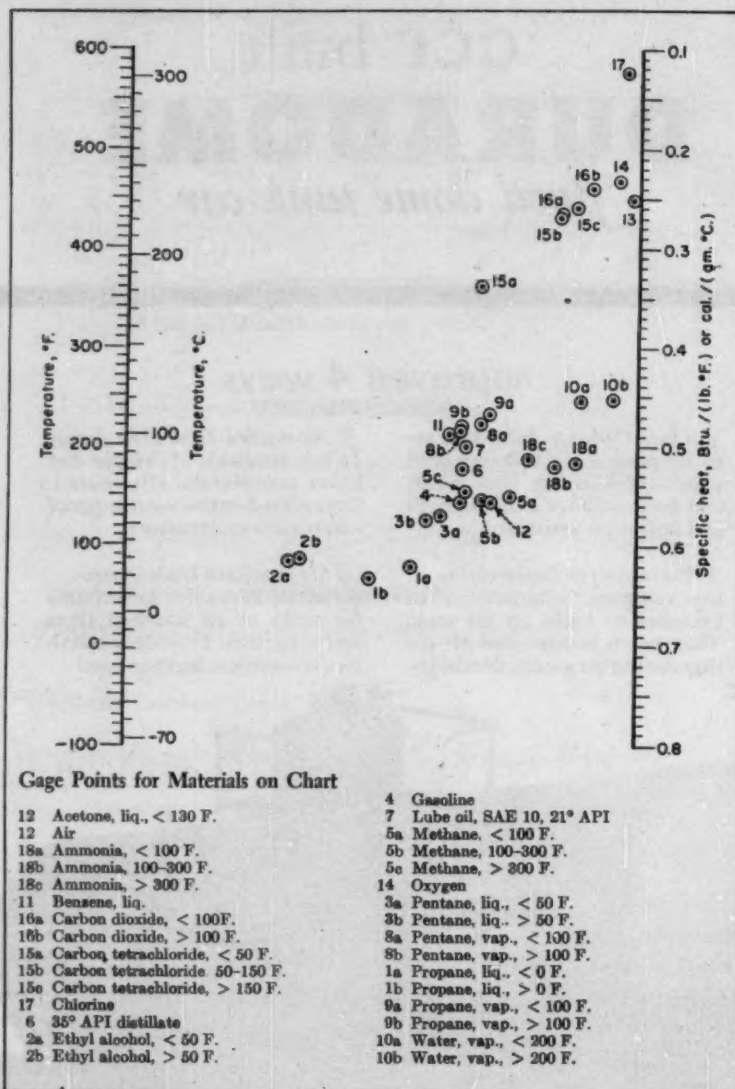
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on the D scale. Subtracting from 470.0, we get 3.9. Setting 2 on the C scale over 3.9, we find that with a little adjustment 242 on C falls over 470 on D, while 240 on

C marks the spot where the hair-line should be. In the process of adjustment the 2 on C was moved over 3.88 (rather than 3.9), but the resulting error is negligible.



## Chart Gives Specific Heats of Fluids

D. S. Davis

Professor of Chemical Engineering, Virginia Polytech. Inst., Blacksburg, Va.

Designers of heat transfer equipment frequently need reliable values of the specific heats of liquids and gases, often over wide ranges of temperature. The accompanying line coordinate chart enables con-

venient estimates to be made of the specific heats of 18 common liquids and gases at a pressure of 1 atm.

The use of the chart, which is based on data given by Brown et

al ("Unit Operations," p. 587, Wiley, New York, 1950), is illustrated as follows: What is the specific heat of propane vapor at 200 F.? For temperatures above 100 F., the gage point for propane vapor is 9b in the accompanying table. Connect 200 on the temperature scale with Point 9b and read the desired specific heat as 0.470 Btu./(lb. °F.).

## Propeller Positioning Improves Mixing

A. P. Weber

Technical Director, International Engineering Co., New York.

How a mixer of the propeller type is positioned in a tank can have a pronounced effect on the time and cost of mixing. The wrong position wastes power and can also have other bad effects.

We can look on a propeller mixer as a caseless axial-flow pump with which we wish to turn over the entire tank contents as rapidly as possible, while at the same time creating "antagonistic" horizontal and vertical flowlines. We must minimize swirl which wastes power in horizontal circling without vertical turnover. We must keep down velocity losses in deflecting the flowlines in the vessel, and see to it that there are unbalanced forces so that a vortex and its accompanying swirl will be avoided.

We can create a curved path across the vessel bottom by offsetting the propeller from the vessel centerline. This offset combines with the helical rotation of the stream to deflect the stream toward the top at the opposite tank wall, with minimum loss in velocity. It gives a top-to-bottom turnover which complements the primary horizontal or rotary motion. Thus antagonistic horizontal and vertical flow components are produced to achieve the desired condition of disorganization.

Baffles properly placed will provide flow patterns similar to those from offset mixers, but baffles are more costly, they waste energy, and they offer cleaning problems. So, offsetting is preferred to baffles.

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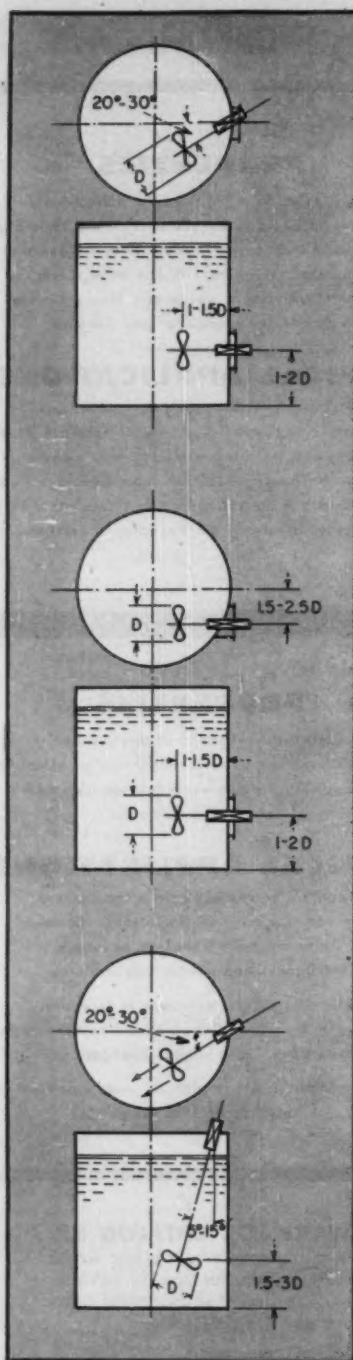
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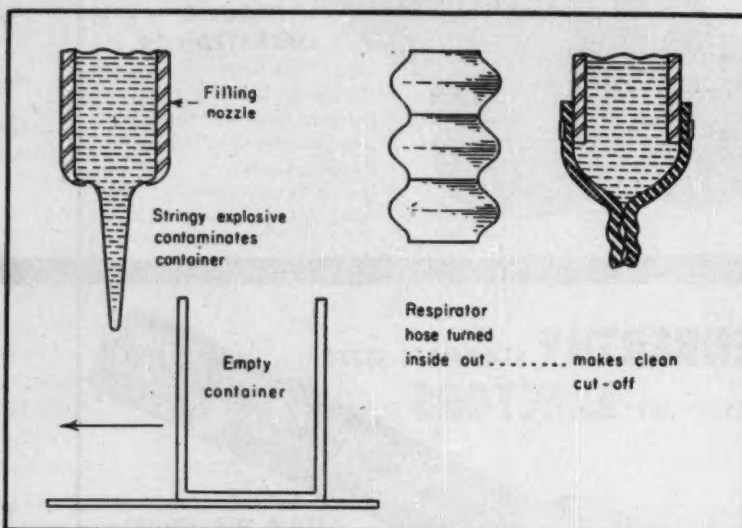
The sketches above show how these objectives are secured. Those at the top show two ways to use side-entering propellers. The one at the bottom is the preferred way of using a top-entering propeller. For best results the vessel height should be equal to or greater than its diameter. In all the sketches a left-hand propeller is assumed, that is,

rotation is counter-clockwise when facing the propeller.

Sometimes centerline positioning is desirable if a vortex is needed to suck down a light powder that tends to float, or to draw in air to aerate the mix. But the overall mixing action will be inefficient. And a vortex is particularly undesirable if foaming results when air is sucked into the batch.

With the same rotation of the propeller, use of the mirror-image positions, that is, in the adjacent quadrants in the sketches, will not produce a vortex, but it will produce excessive swirl with negligible vertical turnover.

Although this arrangement makes for less efficient mixing, it may sometimes be desired when washing fragile fibers.



## Getting Sharp Cut-Off on Stringy Liquid

Floyd L. Hill

Assistant Project Engineer, Thiokol Chemical Corp., Marshall, Tex.

An exasperating problem arose in the metering of a viscous explosive compound, with a consistency like peanut butter, into containers carried under the filling head on a continuous conveyor. Dripping and "stringing" from the filling nozzle contaminated the exterior surfaces of the containers. The usual approach of bellling in the nozzle was unsuccessful. Also, spring-loaded cut-offs were not acceptable, since metal-to-metal contact would have presented danger points in an explosive operation.

At length we solved the problem through the use of ordinary corrugated rubber respirator hose. We found that when such hose is turned inside out, it tends to close almost completely. Therefore, a

short section of hose was turned inside out and forced over the end of the filling nozzle, where it was clamped in place.

This simple device nipped off the stringy product effectively after each pressure stroke. It proved to be economical and, even more important, safe.

## Adhesive "Sticks" Most Pilot Plant Materials

Ved Swarup Gupta

Chemical Engineer, Gupta Iron & Brass Works, Shahdara, Delhi, India.

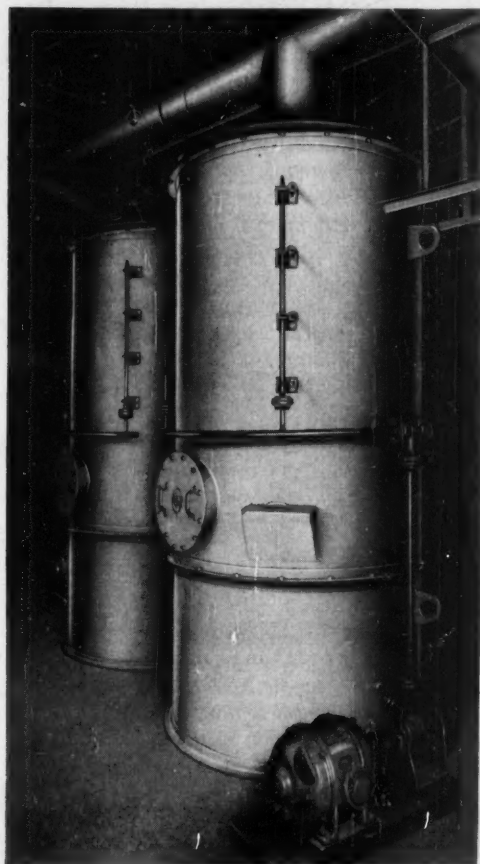
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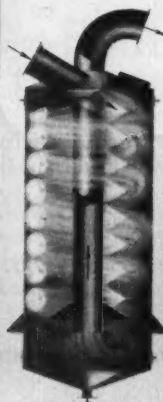
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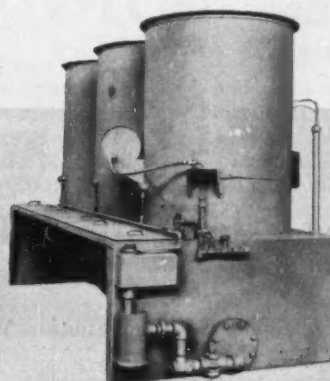
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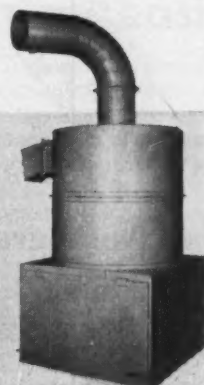
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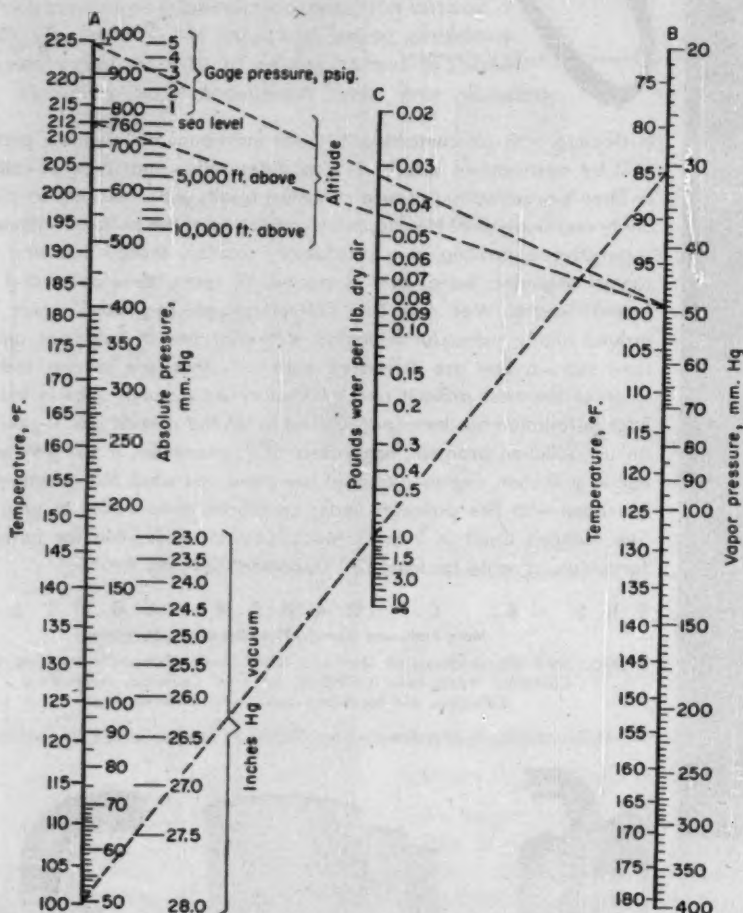
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laboratory and pilot plant, the following simple mixture works well. Take equal volumes of wet slaked lime and powdered sugar. Mix and rub them together well to a sticky paste, and use the mixture immediately. Pressing the parts together

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## Nomograph Solves Saturated-Air Problems

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Chemical Engineer, Crystallizer Dept., Struthers Wells Corp., Warren, Pa.

Absolute humidity is of major importance in the design of equipment for the chemical industry. Its application lies in such fields as drying, air-conditioning, vacuum equipment, and many others.

Saturation or 100% absolute humidity is defined as the maxi-

mum amount of water vapor a gas will carry under specific conditions of temperature and pressure.

For air and water vapor, humidity is expressed by the equation

$$H = \frac{p \cdot 18.02}{(P-p) (28.97)}$$

where  $H$  is pounds of water per 1 lb. of dry air;  $p$  is saturation pressure of water vapor; and  $P$  is total pressure. Here 18.02 and 28.97 are the molecular weights of water and air respectively.

This chart shows the 100% absolute humidity which varies with changes in absolute pressure, or altitude, or both. It also replaces the Dalton charts commonly used, which are much more cumbersome. Furthermore, lines A and B show the vapor pressure of water at different temperatures.

A couple of examples will best illustrate the use of the chart.

**Example 1**—How much water will be condensed if 1 lb. of dry air saturated at 100 F. and 760 mm. Hg abs. pressure is compressed to 5 psig. at constant temperature?

**Solution**—Connect the point reading 760 on Line A with 100 F. on Line B and read 0.043 lb. water per lb. of air on Line C.

Then connect the point reading 5 psig. on A with the 100 F. point on B and read 0.032 lb. water per lb. air on C. Therefore, on compression from zero to 5 psig. at sea level 0.043–0.032 or 0.011 lb. water per lb. air will be condensed at constant temperature.

**Example 2**—Assume that the last effect of a multiple-effect evaporator system operates under 28 in. Hg vacuum. The cooling water of the main condenser may reach a maximum of 80 F. in summer. The ejector must be able to maintain this vacuum, assuming a minimum of 20 lb./hr. of dry air is allowed to leak into the system.

**Solution**—Assume that the air leaves the condenser saturated at 5 F. higher than the entering condenser water, that is, 85 F. Connect the point reading 28 in. Hg vacuum on Line A with 85 F. on Line B and read 0.95 lb. water per lb. air. Your ejector then must be able to handle  $(20)(1+0.95)$  or 39 lb./hr. of humid air.

Charts from vacuum equipment manufacturers will then enable you to size the equipment and make an economic study of the process. However, for firm prices and performance guarantees it will be necessary to consult your supplier.



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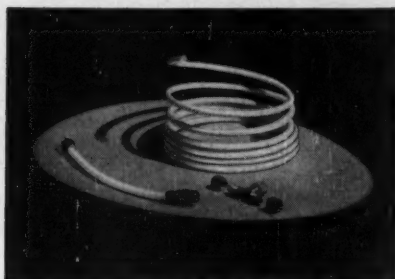
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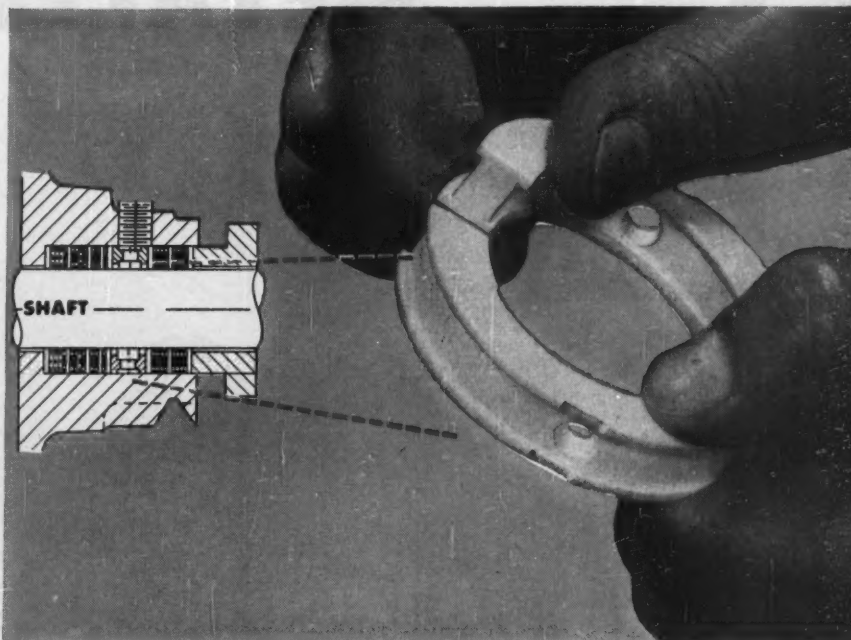
Assembly is easier with these extruded thin-wall tubings of Du Pont "Teflon" tetrafluoroethylene resin. They can be cut with a knife and bent by hand. Because "Teflon" has a smooth, waxlike surface, the tubing slips into position easily. The chemical inertness, resistance to heat and cold, strength and excellent dielectric properties give this tubing of "Teflon" a wide range of applications.



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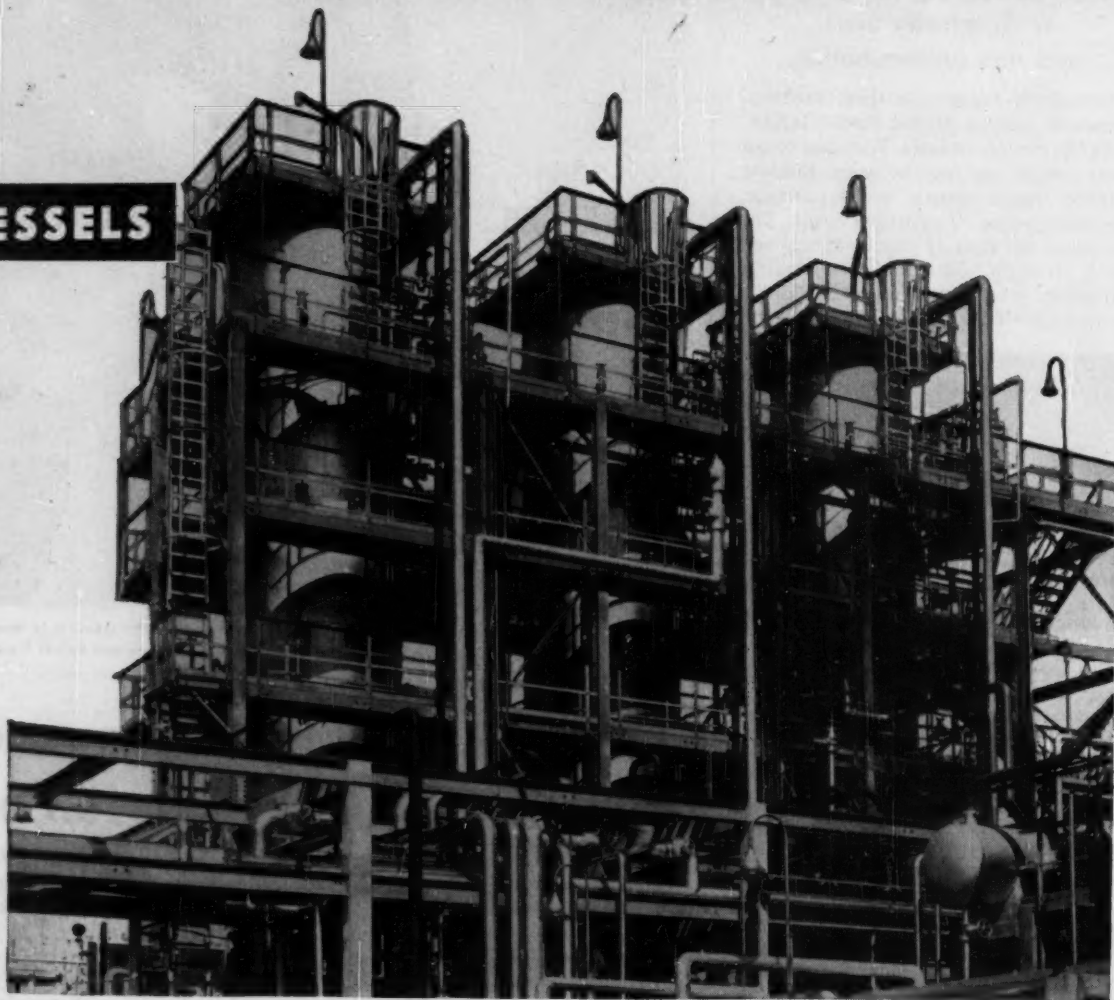
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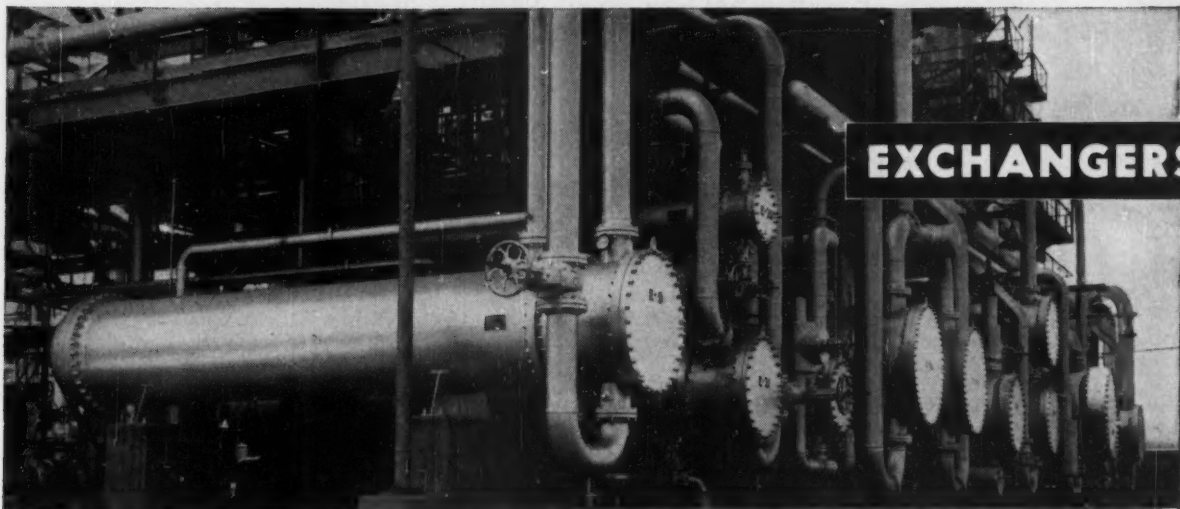
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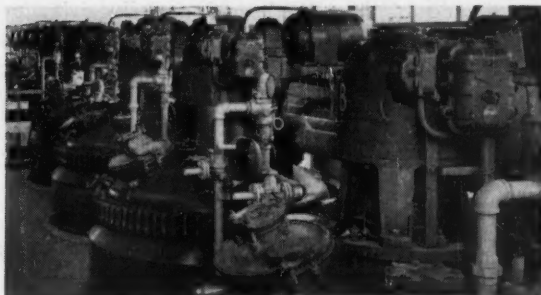
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## Employment Prospects for 1955



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At first glance, the chemical engineer's job outlook in 1955 appears much the same as in '54. But a more penetrating look reveals a few new factors and some developing trends which give the picture new dimensions.

In store for '55 are

- Continued industry expansion at only slightly below the 1954 level.
- Changes in the draft law.
- More problems for older engineers.
- Increased organizing activity by the engineer unions.
- Diversion of more and more chemical engineers to atomic energy work.

Here's how the manpower supply-demand situation for each age group shapes up in 1955.



### OUTLOOK: Sunny For 20-yr. Olds

The engineer in his 20's is the one they're talking about when they bring up the engineer shortage. If he graduated in the past three or four years he probably had his pick of several job offers, and if he isn't satisfied with his present job he'll have no trouble switching to another in 1955.

Virtually every chemical company is seeking to augment its staff with young engineers. And engineering employment services report an increasing number of calls for engineers with three to seven years experience.

Supply of fledgling ChE's will be down slightly in '55 (and enrollments continue to drop). Again, the draft,

ROTC programs, graduate schools, AEC and government needs will make inroads on the number available to industry. Industry's demand for fresh-from-college men is expected to climb slightly, too. Net result: Better than ever for job hunters.

► **Military Drain**—Draft calls now run about 23,000 per month—up from 18,000 in early last year. And occupational deferments are a good deal harder to get—and keep. They've been dropping at a rate of about 900 per month.

"Selective Service" is now "Universal," both in name and fact. Lewis B. Hershey, the draft director, has repeatedly indicated that the draft board's function is only to determine when an individual should serve—not who should serve: The latter decision was made by Congress in 1951, and has not been changed since.

Two bills, one to amend the Universal Military Training and Service Act of 1951 and the other to amend the Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1952, were introduced in the 83rd Congress in an attempt to restore the selective provisions to the law. Both languished in committee and died when Congress adjourned.

With the present draft law due to expire in June, new attention will be given to the problem. Early in '55, the President is expected to send an omnibus bill covering military manpower recruiting, training, use and reserve disposition to Congress. The bill will get a rough handling in Congress but when the new draft law emerges it will probably contain two revolutionary provisions: Universal military training and a selectively recallable reserve. The new reserve setup will aim to dis-

tribute trained manpower more equitably between military and civilian needs.

Current reserve calls are low; rarely involve chemical engineers. ROTC calls, however, are a different story. Nearly 100% of the graduates of army and navy ROTC programs are being taken. About 60% of the air force ROTC men are commissioned, the rest become liable to the draft. Over half of the NROTC men are obligated to serve three years, all others face two years of active duty.

A total of some 6,000 engineer graduates of ROTC programs were called up last year, up a third from the previous year's 4,500.

While chemical engineers are coming back from the service at an increasing rate, separations are still lagging behind inductions.

► **Salaries and Recruiting**—Last year's crop of fledgling ChE's averaged about \$365 to \$375 per month to start. With starting salaries giving indications of finally leveling off, this year's grads can expect to begin their careers at about the same.

The yearly jumps of \$10-15 in the monthly starting rate, seem to be on the way out, even though campus recruiting is due to reach an all-time pitch.

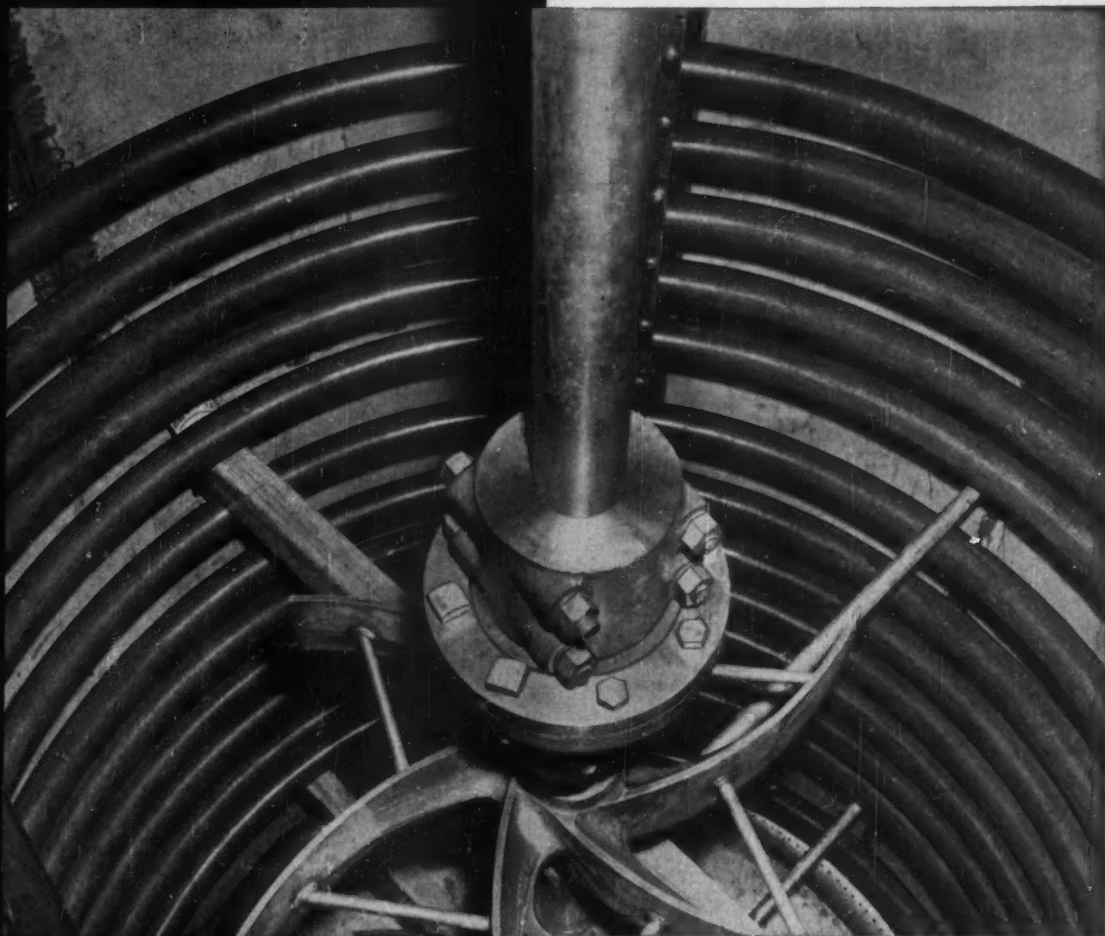
Recruiters are putting increased emphasis on selling the company and the opportunities afforded by the job. Fringe benefits are also being mentioned more frequently as part of the "sell the company, sell the job" philosophy. But there are some dissenters. A few companies feel "everybody has 'em, so why bother playing them up."

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### Draft Law Revisions

Present law expires in June. Look for Congress to adopt universal military training and the selectively recallable reserve proposal of the President's Committee on Manpower Resources—but only after much wrangling.

### Engineer Unions

Several bargaining successes and a few closer-than-expected defeats in 1954 have combined with a spate of engineer layoffs to strengthen their hand. They'll be more active in '55.

### High School Science

Science courses are being sidetracked in most high schools. (Less than 6% of all students study physics.) Main reasons: Lack of both facilities, good teachers. In '55, watch for more industry aid to teacher's colleges and their programs, more part-time work in industry plans for teachers and stepped-up efforts to build student interest in technology.

cruiting practices is hiring for specific jobs, in place of the mass hiring and later firing common a few years ago.

Though starting rates seem to be leveling off, salaries continue to be good for young engineers. Those with five years experience are averaging \$5,500-6,000 yearly. The \$6,500 mark is passed by many before reaching 30.



### OUTLOOK: Fair to Good For 30 to 45's

Moving up a notch to the 30-45 age group, the outlook is not quite so bright. Here, it's entirely an individual proposition. Companies are looking for specific men to fill specific jobs—if you're the man, fine; if not, sorry.

On the whole, though, finding a job shouldn't be too tough a problem. Engineering employment agencies, at least, are optimistic on the number of

placements expected. Company employment directors say that there are plenty of openings for top men, but they indicate that they're getting more choosy in hiring men in this age group. The "right" abilities and the "right" experience for the job are deciding factors.

Although capital expenditures will be down a few percent from last year, expansion is still the keynote in the industry and with budgets still high, jobs are available. It's a matter of a little hunting and a good deal of selling yourself to nab the one you want.

► **Salary Prospects**—With the emphasis on a specific man for a specific job, companies are offering higher salaries and attractive fringe benefits to the "right" man. This spurs job changes and increases competition for jobs.

To combat the trend to switch jobs, periodic salary reviews and adjustments are becoming more common in chemical companies. The result: Salaries are edging upward. It's a much

slower movement than the spectacular ascent of starting rates, but it is perceptible. In 1955, this trend will continue.



### OUTLOOK: Dreary For the Over 45's

Dark spot of the chemical engineering employment picture is the over-45 group. Manpower experts will tell you that members of this group always have a problem when seeking a job.

Despite his 20-yr. edge in experience, the over-45 will often find himself at a disadvantage when competing with a 25-30-yr. old for a job. The younger man generally has three big advantages: He's learned the latest engineering techniques, he's more adaptable and he'll work for less.

Engineer layoffs in early 1954 hit this group especially hard. Among those let loose were men who hadn't gone as far as their companies thought they should have, those who the company felt hadn't kept up-to-date and those who were deemed to have a low potential for future growth.

On the other hand, many in this group have established reputations and have made it a practice to keep up with the latest in their field. These have no trouble finding employment.

► **Unions More Active**—While engineer unions do not necessarily expect to gain many new members from the ranks of these older workers, their plight will be an important factor in the growth of these organizations. Job security is a prime union goal, and if anything makes the engineer feel less secure in his job, the engineer unions stand to gain.

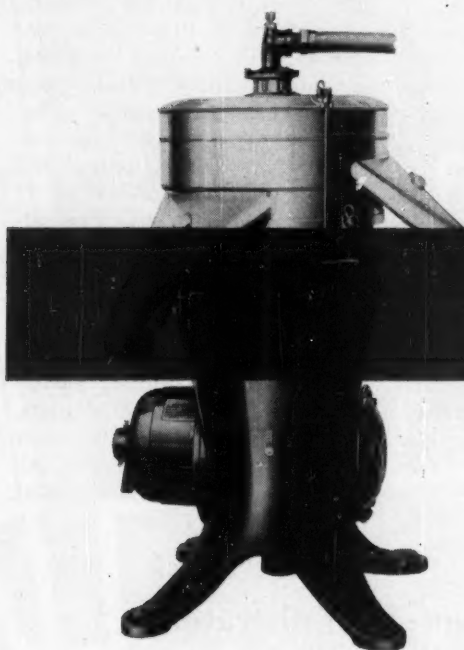
Flushed with a few complete triumphs, several partial wins and a spate of moral victories in the past 12 months, the unions will renew their organizing activities. And they'll probably have a fair year.

Much will depend on general business conditions. If more unlooked for layoffs occur, the unions will be greatly strengthened.

► **Salaries**—In the over-45 group salaries spread out over a wide range. It's strictly an individual proposition, but

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## OUTLOOK: Bright For Management-Ready Men

Throughout the chemical process industries there is a steadily increasing demand for management men with engineering training. According to a recent survey by the Manufacturing Chemists Association some 57% of chemical industry executives have a technical education. And 17% hold degrees in chemical engineering.

At the top-most levels of management, vice president to board chairman, one out of every two executives holds a technical degree, and one of four has an advanced degree.

Management consultants, who often do extensive searching for top-management personnel, report that it is apparent that more, and bigger, opportunities are opening up for chemical engineers at top-level posts.

With more company consolidations than usual last year, there were a number of good, experienced men available. These were almost immediately snapped up by other companies, and 1955 shapes up as another good year for job-hunting engineering executives.

Despite the shortage aspects the emphasis is still on quality. In general, management opportunities are an internal affair. Chemical companies espouse both promotion-from-within policies and executive training programs. When they look outside of the company, again the insistence is on finding the "right" man.

► **Salaries High**—The salary spread for engineers in management is a broad one. Salaries offered depend as much on company size and character as on the engineer's own experience and ability.

Stock options, bonuses, pension plans, expense accounts, etc. are coming to be as important as their salary in the payment of top management. This trend will continue through '55.

## Today's Boss Looks at Tomorrow's

In an article in a recent issue of the *Harvard Business Review*, J. Elliott Janney reports on the reflections of over 200 company presidents who have given a goodly amount of time and thought to the choice of their successor in the company's top job.

What kind of a man does a company president look for as his successor? In general, today's top men hope that their successors will

- Possess a broad background of basic business principles with which to view the many details of the job and sort them into a pattern of comprehensive thought.

- Have the ability to spot the commercial possibilities of scientific developments.

- Be men of ideas who can understand and lead their staffs, as well as men of action who can inspire the line executives.

- Own a sure sense of timing—know when to let the organization coast and when to press for action.

- Be creative thinkers with a lively curiosity and a zest for doing things.

The presidents' had strong views

on the personal characteristics needed by their successors. Motives that are trusted by others, moral courage, an affirmative attitude toward people, and the quality of rational optimism were repeatedly emphasized.

What did they regard as most likely to be helpful in preparing the president of tomorrow for his ever expanding duties and responsibilities? High level job rotation, mingled line and staff experience, advanced management programs, decentralization of authority permitting greater assumption of responsibility and professional psychological consultation were looked upon as likely steps.

Formal qualifications are considered less important than the ability to galvanize other men into practical action and stimulate personal growth of subordinates. Above all, Mr. Janney reports that, "The professional manager of today expects that as a result of study, practice and research the successor of tomorrow will be far more advanced in the art of management than he is."

## To Train Engineer-Administrators

How often have you heard an engineer in an administrative post lament his lack of business and economic know-how? In a YOU AND YOUR JOB survey of chief engineers (*Chem. Eng.*, Oct. 1953, p.284), these subjects ranked right behind human relations in the "wish-I-knew-more" category.

In an attempt to fill this need, the University of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y., has inaugurated a new interdepartmental program leading to a bachelor of science degree in industrial management.

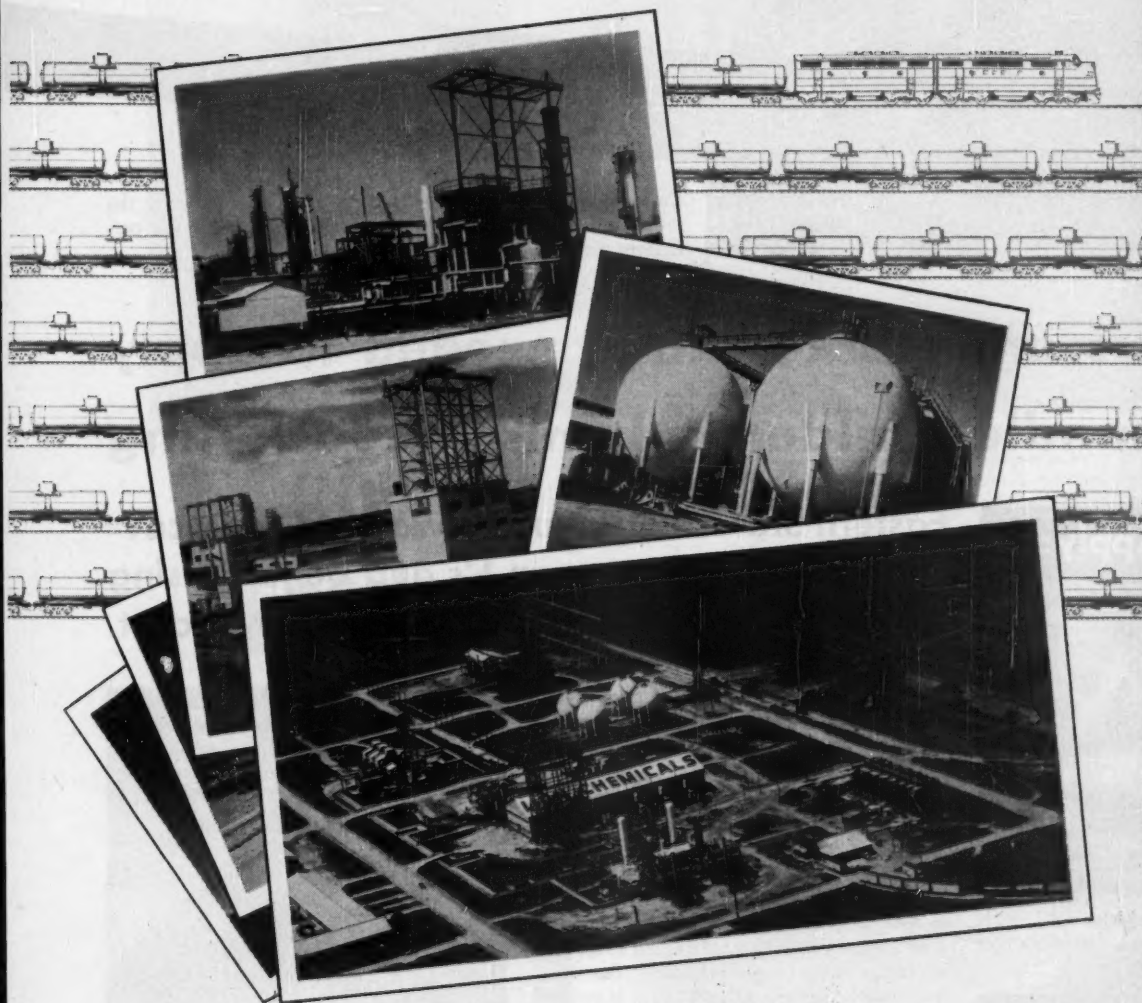
By grounding the student in both engineering and business, the new curriculum proposes to train men for such quasi-engineering work as plant personnel administration, industrial safety and purchasing. Students will earn about 30 credit

hours of study in the basic sciences, 40 in engineering, 30 in social studies and the humanities and 36 in economics and business administration. The program steers a middle-of-the-road course between industrial engineering and business administration.

Dr. Lewis D. Conta, chairman of the University's department of engineering, points out that, "The student will not be an engineer when he graduates, but he will have a thorough understanding of engineers and engineering problems." This, it is felt, will fit him aptly for jobs in those border-line management areas now filled by "men with more than the necessary technical ability, but who are inadequately prepared for the non-engineering aspects of their duties."

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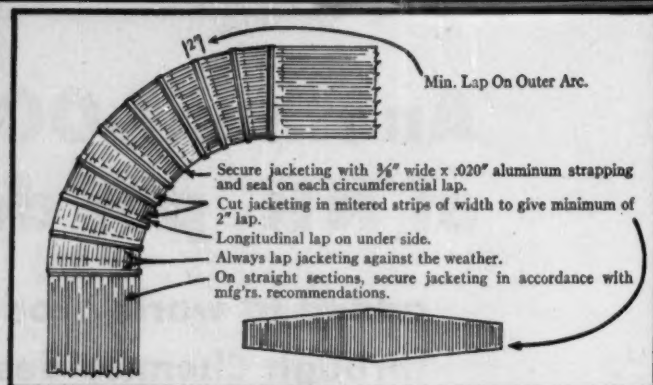
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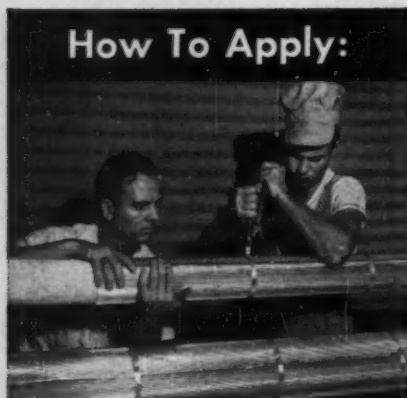


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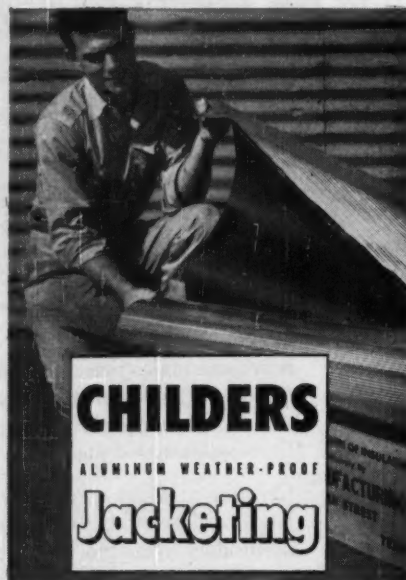
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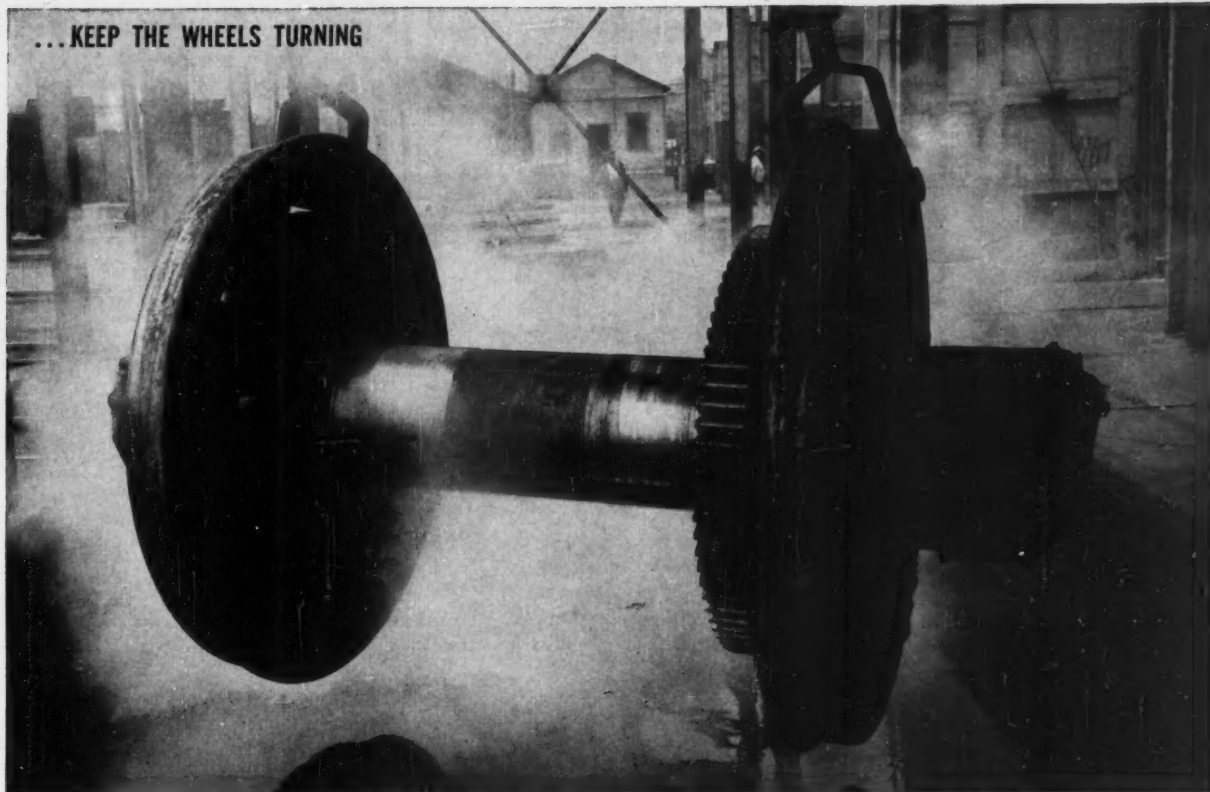
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Recent large increases in the use of rubber hose were sparked by the demands of the war—and made possible by the availability of new rubber compounding ingredients, higher strength reinforcing fibers, and improved manufacturing techniques. The chemical industry is now using millions of feet of industrial rubber hose in a wide variety of standard and special uses.

Standard rubber hose consists

J. A. MULLER is executive engineer, Thermoid Co., Trenton, N. J.

of an inner tube, a carcass of fabric or cord and a cover. Composition of the rubber of the inner tube determines what material can be carried. Kind and the thickness (number of plies) of the carcass limits the pressures. The cover is designed to withstand the various working conditions encountered in industry.

### Tubes Now Widely Resistant

Significant advances in rubber chemistry have greatly enlarged the usefulness of hose. Rubber in the

tubes can now be compounded to resist attack by oil, butane, propane, acetylene, insecticides, paints, lacquers, mild acids and a host of other chemicals. Hoses are in use for carrying dry and wet solids as well as gases and liquids. Abrasion resistance is built into the tubes.

Hose for carrying steam, hot water or other hot liquids also have heat-resistance incorporated in the rubber of the tube.

### Carcass Provides Strength

Simplest rubber hose consists of rubber only and is generally used to carry water or air at low pressures. When a hose must carry gases or liquids under pressure, a simple tube is not enough. So reinforcement of cotton, rayon, nylon or steel is wound or braided around the tube. The higher the pressure, the more reinforcement is required. In cases of extremely high temper-

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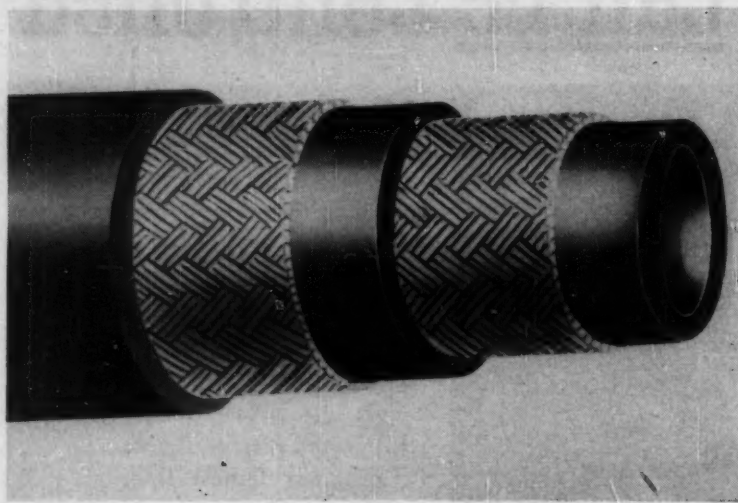
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This type of hose is used mainly in unloading liquids such as fuel oil from trucks. The hose is carried on a reel from which the hose is unwound to reach the tank. The hose is almost never completely unwound. Pressure of many layers of hose on the reel would flatten the hose making passage of liquids difficult or impossible unless the hose were reinforced to hold its round shape under all conditions.

#### Covers Are More Versatile

The carcass must be protected from moisture, abrasion, oil, impacts and sunlight by a cover. The cover also helps identify the hose and makes for better appearance.

What is true of rubber compounds available for tubes is also true for covers. Many more compounding ingredients are available today than a few years ago. Better resistance to wear, petroleum products, sunlight and cuts can now be built into the cover.

#### Two Processes for Manufacture

Rubber hose is manufactured by two processes: long length (lead

press or molded) and mandrel built. Tubes for both types are made by the same extrusion process.

In long length hose, the carcass consists of yarn or cord braided continuously over the tube. The cover is molded on the carcass. The carcass of a wrapped hose is usually fabric of synthetic or cotton yarn wound around the tube, or synthetic or cotton yarn braided around the tube. The cover is then vulcanized to the carcass.

Hose for high pressure and steam service in which either steel wire or high tensile yarn is required for adequate reinforcement is mandrel built.

#### Only Five Types Needed

In the nation's 8,000 chemical plants, industrial rubber hose is frequently used to transfer liquids in temporary or semi-permanent operating arrangements, to unload tank cars into storage or process receptacles, to transfer the contents of other shipping containers into storage or process, to draw test samples from process lines on storage tanks, to facilitate emergency change-overs in process routines, to increase the flexibility of liquid transfer in pilot plant set-ups incident to the development of new production operations, to meet the requirements for flexibility in connection with portable process equipment.

These are what may be termed the standard hose jobs in the chemi-

cal industry. For these uses as many as 18 different types of molded hose were required only a few years ago.

At the present time it is possible to solve 90% of the problems involving industrial rubber hose with only five types. Beginning with the high pressure (800 psi.) hose capable of carrying an extremely wide range of acids, insecticides, gases—the basic five types extend down to the utility hose which is designed to carry only air and water under low pressures.

The 300 psi. hose has had the widest application. It is not unusual to find this hose carrying many different types of materials in the same plant.

In these cases, it is usually possible for the user to buy in large quantities. This simplifies the inventory control problem, reduces the confusion and mistakes in hose selection that formerly occurred, and permits emergency replacement of hose accidentally broken or damaged without serious loss of time. The basic five types are color-coded. Each type has a distinctive color which aids in selecting the correct type.

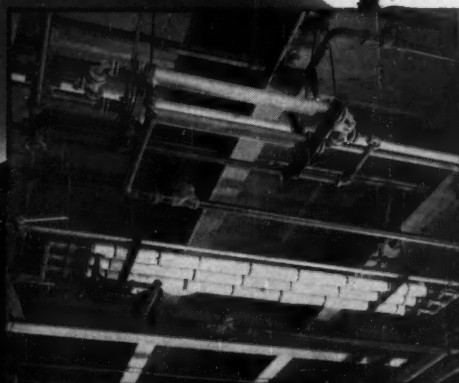
In spite of precautions, heavy vehicles such as fork-lift trucks will run over hose or heavy objects may drop accidentally and break a hose. Transfer of an important ingredient to a processing vessel may be interrupted.

Formerly, chances were that a suitable hose would not be available in inventory at the plant. Even the local jobber may not carry the correct type and size in stock. But, because this modern hose is so versatile, the chances are good that it will be immediately available from plant stock.

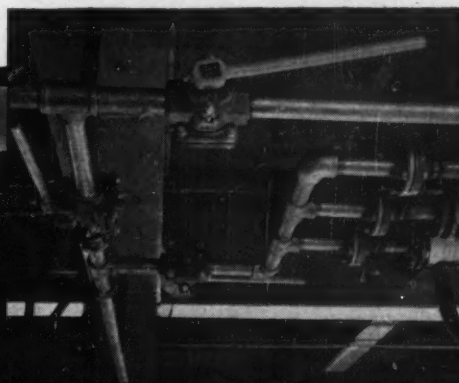
Although the multi-purpose hose has its greatest usefulness in planned or scheduled operations, it has striking possibilities in handling unusual situations.

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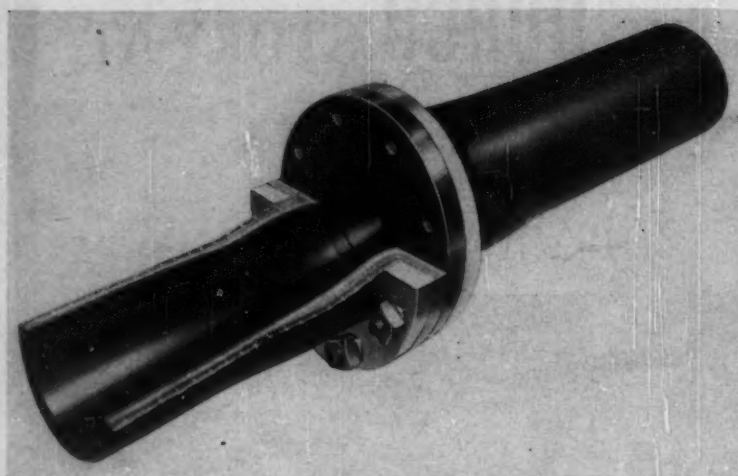
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#### **Material Handling Uses Broadened**

Present day techniques in rubber hose manufacture make it possible to handle any material that can be pumped. Sufficient bursting strength can now be built into a hose to withstand high pressures by metal or fiber braid reinforcement in the body. Abrasion or chemical resistance can be compounded into the stock from which the tube is made.

Among the many material handling jobs now performed by rubber hose is the pumping of hot asphalt at 400 F. mixed with sand.

In the phosphate mining fields in the south, heavy flexible hose joined together by special rubber flanges provides high capacity with flexibility. Cement rock is pumped along a half mile pier in a rubber hose which is moved from hold to hold in the ships and up and down according to changes in the tide by means of a boom.

Roofing material composed of hot tar, sand and pebbles is pumped straight up to the roof from mixing vats on the ground.

A two-piece telescoping rubber hose has reduced an annoying dust nuisance in stock-piling material with a large percentage of fines (see

cut). A conveyor belt elevates the material to build a surge pile. Dust covered everything and created a health hazard. A metal pipe attached to the bottom of the discharge chute was not satisfactory because abrasion from the material quickly wore out the metal pipe.

Two lengths of large diameter hose similar in construction to suction hose were attached to the bottom of the discharge chute. The larger section of the hose is fitted with a flange at the bottom. Cables attached to the flange and controlled from the hopper raise or lower the hose as the height of the surge pile varies. Telescopic feature of the hose permits depositing the fines directly on the pile with little chance for strong winds to blow the fines over the surrounding area.

#### **Replaces Metal Pipe**

Hydraulic pressure of 2,200 psi. caused trouble in actuating 12 individual pistons on a long press when transferred through rigid metal pipes. Vibration caused continuous breakage of the pipes. Twelve short lengths of wire braid hose replaced the rigid metal pipes successfully.

Not only were they able to withstand the pressures involved but they were flexible enough to absorb the vibration which is caused by pulsations from the hydraulic pump as the bottom half of the press is raised.

A centrifugal pump driven by a 15 hp. motor supplies 250 gpm. of cooling water at 120 psi. in a certain process. It was not possible to align the intake pipe precisely with the intake side of the pump.

When using rigid metal pipe, the casting on the intake side of the pump broke frequently because of vibration and stresses caused by the slight misalignment of the pump. The metal pipe was successfully replaced by a length of suction hose built to take the pressures involved and yet flexible enough to absorb the stress of misalignment and vibration.

#### **Hydraulic Control of Machinery**

Development of hydraulic fluids and high pressure hydraulic hose has made possible the precise control of an extremely wide variety of processes and machines.

Whenever it is necessary to operate a machine or part of a machine from a central control point, impulses carried through rubber hose will do the job. Whenever the force required to actuate a part is beyond the normal strength of a person, hydraulic controls are indicated.

Whenever several operations must be controlled from a central point, the use of hydraulic controls should be investigated. Whenever there is a considerable movement of one piece of equipment relative to an attached piece, hydraulic fluid carried through flexible rubber hose may be the best answer to the problem.

Not only will hydraulic hose withstand high working pressures (up to 4,500 psi.) but it resists dimensional changes from extremely high and low temperatures.

There are four principal types of hydraulic hose available today: high pressure (4,500 psi. max.) wire braid hose, a wire braid hose with a cover of specially treated cotton yarn (3,000 psi. max.), medium pressure (1,200 psi. max.) rayon braid hose, and low pressure (500 psi. max.) rayon braid hose.

Operating temperatures for hose of this type range from -40 F. to 200 F. In addition, a special hose with wire spiral reinforcement to



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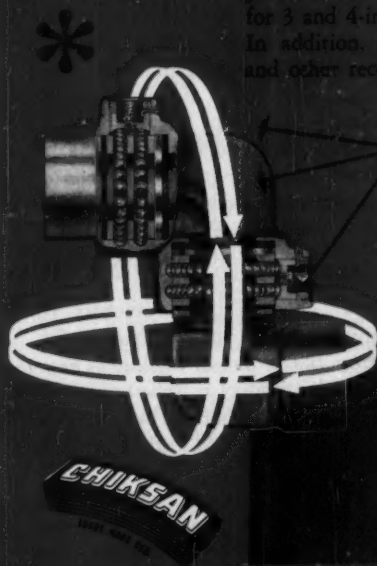
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## CORROSION FORUM . . .

prevent collapse in suction is manufactured to return hydraulic fluid to the hydraulic pump.

### Hose Couplings Keep Pace

Couplings must be selected with as much care as the hose itself.

There are many types of hose couplings available composed of different kinds of metal, built to withstand various ranges of pressure, to provide flexibility if required, in reusable and one-time-use types.

After the correct type for a specific application is chosen, the correct size is the next consideration. Too large a coupling will unnecessarily overstress and weaken the hose while a coupling that is too small will not give a tight fit. Installation of the couplings should be made by experienced personnel equipped with the proper tools.

A special type of coupling has been developed by Thermoid Co. for extremely high pressure work. Designed for oil field drilling rigs to carry drilling mud under test pressures of 5,000 psi. the steel wire wrapping that is a part of the reinforcing carcass of the hose is bonded positively and mechanically to the coupling.

A somewhat larger diameter hose with the same type of coupling is used to carry water at high pressures in the logging industry for removal of the bark from logs by a water jet.

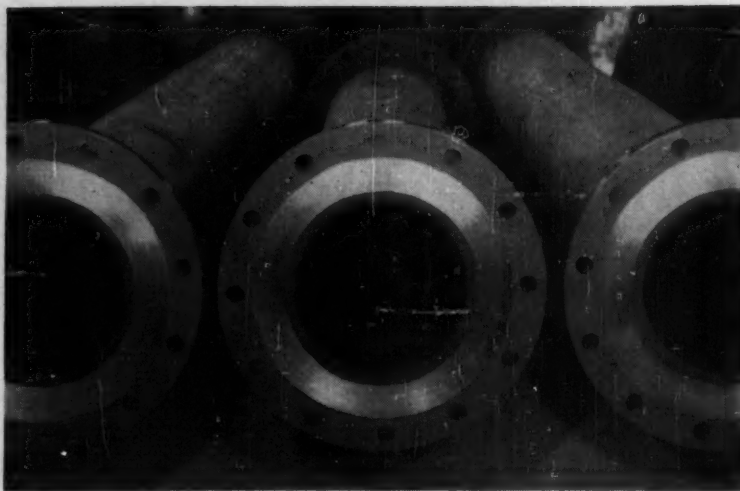
### Special Flanged Hose

In many instances, water or other fluids set up harmful vibration and the "water hammer effect" when pumped through metal pipes.

T. R. Finn Co. has developed a special rubber hose of large diameter (10 in. I. D.) in varying lengths to reduce the noise and vibration carried from the pump to the pipe.

At each end of the hose is an integral flange with a rubber covered metal disc which is used to connect the hose to the flanges of the metal pipes which it interrupts.

Not only does this type of hose reduce vibration and noise, but it prevents galvanic action when used to connect pipes of dissimilar metals.



## Lead Lined Plus

**Inner sheathing of carbon or graphite provides a new material which can be used with erosive, abrasive, turbulent, high velocity liquids.**

Both bonded and expanded lead lined steel pipe process lines are being widely utilized by the chemical process industries for use with sulfuric, phosphoric, chromic, and sulfurous acids, sulfates, sulfites, and the like.

Popularity results from the ability of this piping to withstand severe corrosion at high pressure, temperatures up to 500 F., cycling, vacuum and shock—as well as from ease of installation and satisfactory cost.

However, where abrasion or erosion is present, excessive thicknesses of lead are sometimes needed. This is because frequent removal of the protective salts to which lead owes its corrosion resistance shortens its useful life.

There are also acids and mixed acids other than those previously referred to where lead has a less satisfactory corrosion resistance because the protective salts formed on the lead in contact with these acids are soft and less tenacious. Thus they may be removed by normal

flow too readily, even though the acids contain no abrasives.

To extend the ability of lead lined steel pipe process lines under all these conditions, a new type of pipe and fittings known as sheathed Ferrolum process piping has been developed and standardized by Knapp Mills, Inc., New York, N. Y.

Sheathed Ferrolum pipe and fittings employ a graphite, carbon or impervious graphite liner inserted and cemented into the lead lined steel pipe and fittings which serves three important purposes:

1. The sheathing prevents removal of tenacious protective salts from the surface of the lead. Therefore the product may be employed, even though abrasion or erosion is present. Standard lead thicknesses suffice.

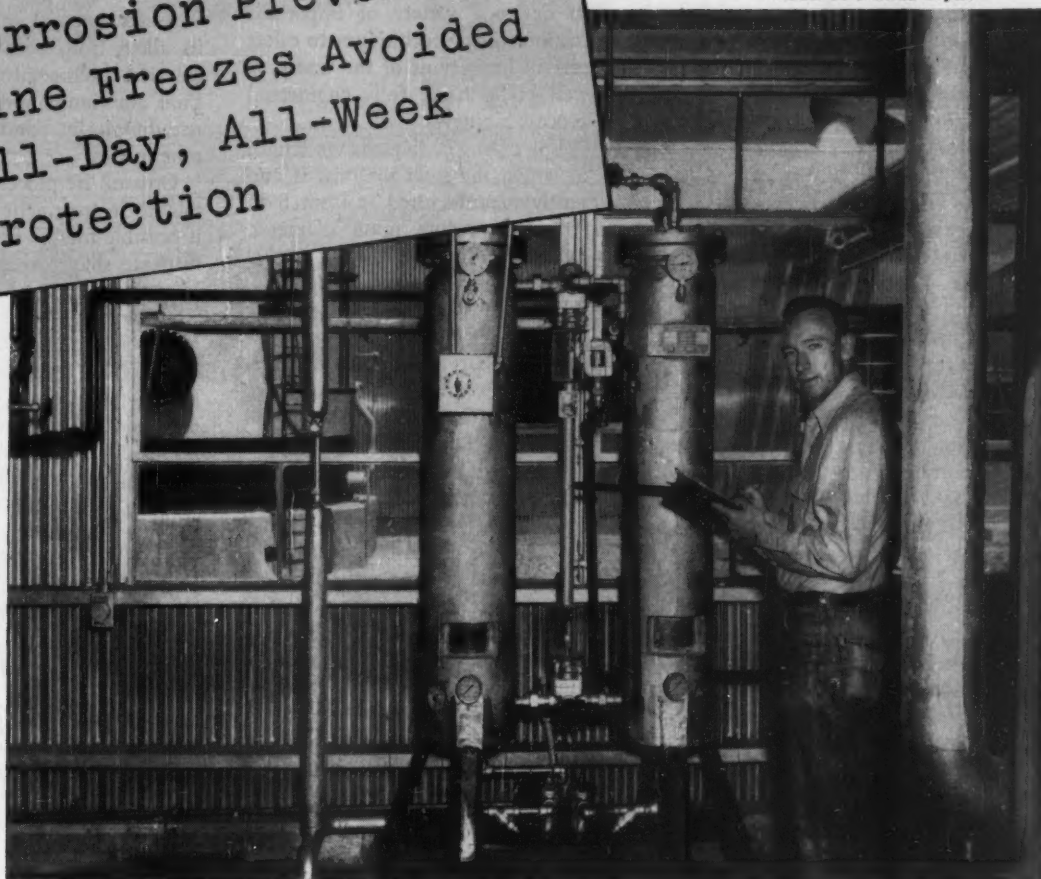
2. Where the lines are used with acids for which lead has less corrosion resistance, the protective salts—although soft in nature—cannot be removed but are trapped between the lead and inner sheathing. Consequently, the life of the pipe

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Seaboard Oil Company Reports:

- Corrosion Prevented
- Line Freezes Avoided
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Jerry Rea, plant worker, checks on the trouble-free operation of twin towers comprising Kemp Model 50-S Orlad Dryer.



## Sulphur Producer Gets Automatic Drying of Compressed Air with Kemp

During their processing of sulphur and sweetening of natural gas, the Powell, Wyoming, plant of Seaboard Oil Company of Delaware needs large quantities of dried, compressed air to operate complex control instruments.

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line is materially improved. In other cases lead may be employed for corrosive conditions which it otherwise might not satisfactorily withstand.

3. The inner sheathing tends to insulate the lead against temperature to a helpful degree and to create a temperature lag where constant cycling is present.

There are two general types of sheathed Ferrolum process piping known as type "K" and type "KM." In type "K", the lead lining is bonded to the steel pipe and thus is employed where temperature cycling takes place. In type "KM", the lead lining is a lead pipe sleeve which has been expanded tightly under hydraulic pressure into the steel pipe. Type "KM" is used where temperature is either low or where temperature is constant for long periods of time.

The graphite, carbon or impervious graphite liner and cement selected is based on the acid under conveyance, process conditions, and economics. Experience with these liners thus far, and in a general way, indicates the following:

Carbon has more porosity than either graphite or impervious graphite. However, porosity is not particularly a factor since the lead lining of the steel pipe provides the corrosion resistance required when erosion effects are minimized. In addition, carbon is the harder material of the three, and therefore resists erosion the best. However, when it is necessary to machine the outside diameter of the sheathings, graphite or impervious graphite are less costly to work with.

All diameters of lead lined steel pipe and fittings up to 12 in. nominal I. D. of the lead lining are produced with inner sheathings. The sheathings, of course, tend to further reduce the I. D. of the process lines, depending on the thickness sheathing selected.

Sheathed Ferrolum process piping is produced in 18 ft. standard lengths for long runs, as well as to detailed bills of material—including lengths of all sizes, spool pieces, etc. Headers, offsets, and other specially fabricated items are generally practical. Fittings, such as

ells, tees, crosses, and laterals are also produced.

In developing, it was necessary to devise a variety of important manufacturing techniques to offset certain limitations of the liners, as well as to insure fully engineered process piping.

For example, the average length in which the liner material is currently manufactured is from 6 to 9 ft., depending upon diameter. Lead lined steel pipe, on the other hand, is manufactured in up to 20 ft. lengths. Therefore, reliable jointing techniques for the liners were necessary. Also, the liner material is not always straight and concentric, so that it was necessary to devise methods of matching or machining to insure satisfactory flow characteristics for the finished piping.

When the liners have been properly selected and prepared, they are coated with cement and inserted in the lead lined steel pipe or fittings. Usually, there is about a  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. clearance between the O. D. of the uncoated liner and the I. D. of the lead lined steel, which space is occupied by the cement. This same cement is employed in making up liner joints, whether in the flanged piping itself or in the flanged fittings. Sheathed elbows are manufactured by mitering lead lined steel pipe.

Experience is now being developed in respect to a procedure whereby the cement is left off the liner material at both ends of the pipe length for a distance of about 2 in. Lead wool is then tightly caulked into this space and the outside lead face of the lead lined flange. The lead wool caulked area is sealed together by the use of a flame. It is felt that this procedure tends to give some resiliency between the liner material and the lead lined steel at the point where lengths are bolted together.

Practice is to insert an acid resisting gasket between the flange face of sheathed Ferrolum. A particularly desirable gasket is that made from Teflon covered asbestos. Full face gaskets from I. D. of sheathing to I. D. of bolt circle are recommended.

## Low Alloy Steels Upgraded, Dollars Saved

A new process\* protects steel and its alloys from both chemical and elevated temperature corrosion. Pure aluminum and its alloys are metallurgically bonded to the ferrous metals.

Crux of the process is a patented salt bath treatment which makes it possible for the first time to coat intricate shapes evenly. Only the simplest forms can be evenly coated by conventional methods. Aluminum penetrates the steel to a depth of 0.0015 to 0.002 in. and approximately 0.0005 to 0.001 in. aluminum remains as a protective coating on the surface.

High temperature oxidation of mild or low alloy steels such as used in oil refinery parts can be stopped or materially reduced. In many cases, costly high alloy steels can be replaced with less costly low alloy steels.

Tests have shown that adequate protection against oxidation is achieved at temperatures at least as high as the base metal has useful strength. Temperatures at which such tests have been made with low carbon steel have exceeded 1,900 F.

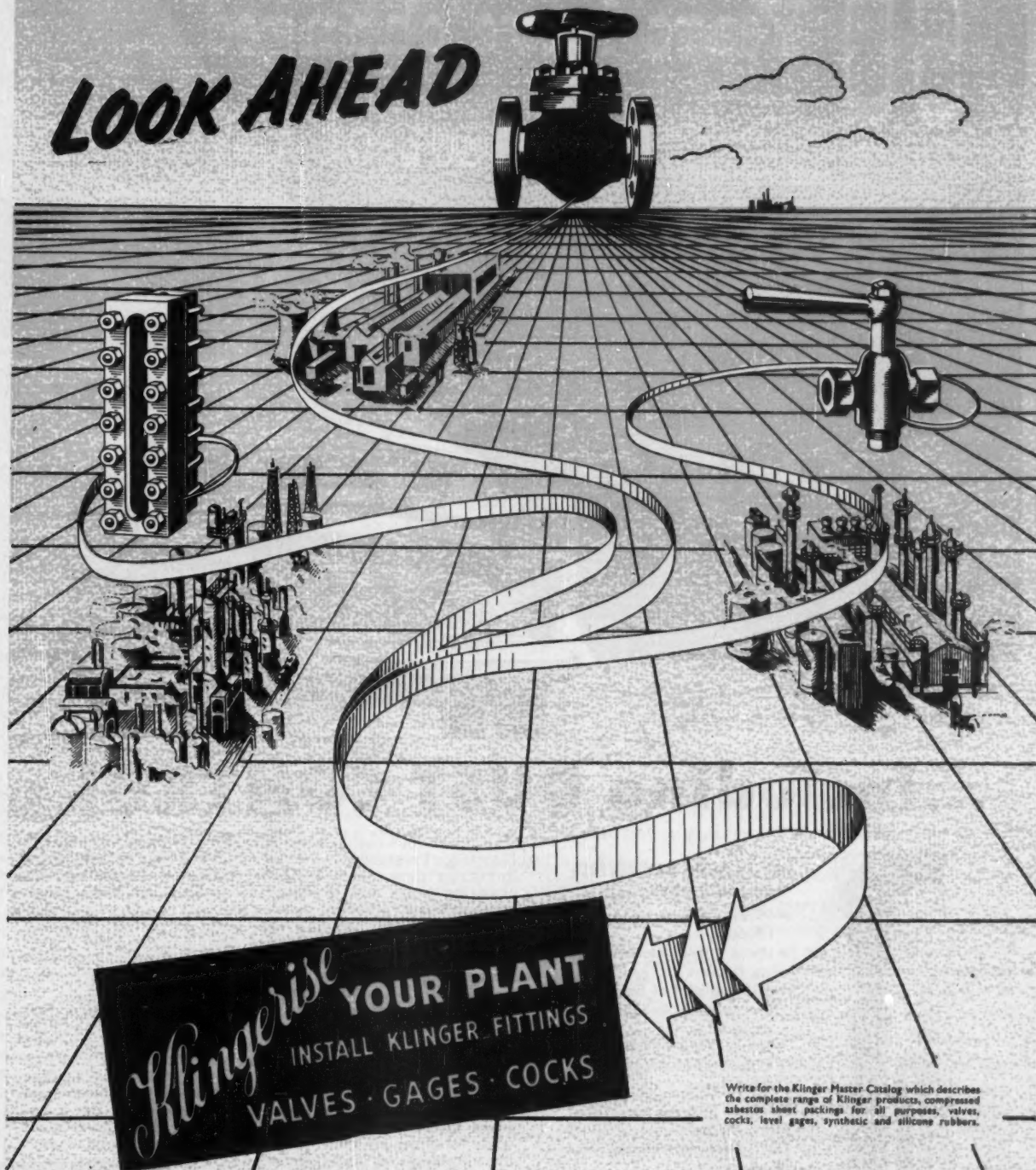
At temperatures exceeding the melting point of aluminum, the aluminum diffuses into the steel forming an alloy. This diffused coating provides a refractory material that gives the steel maximum protection against high temperature scaling.

In preparing metal parts, the areas to which pure aluminum or an aluminum alloy are to be bonded are first thoroughly cleaned. Areas not to be coated are carefully masked off.

Next the metal is put in a salt bath where it is thoroughly wetted. Parts are then dipped in molten aluminum to produce a metallurgical iron-aluminum alloy bond at the interface. Thickness of the coating is determined by the material used and the length of time of immersion.

\* Alumicoat process, Arthur Tickle Engineering Works, Brooklyn, N. Y. General Motors patent.

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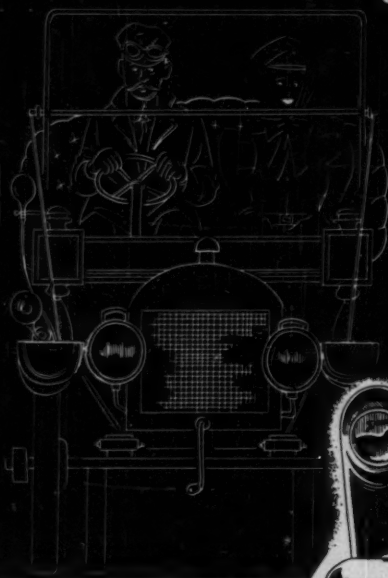
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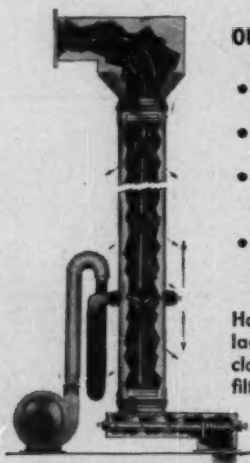


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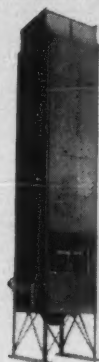
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As the ring moves up and down the tube, the fabric is flexed and blown at the same time, thus loosening the dust in small portions. The blow ring travels up and down the filter tube until the filter is clean, then automatically stops until the tube again requires cleaning.

Cleaning action is uniform and steady. There are no sudden pressure surges as filter surface is cleaned — no destructive rapping or jarring operations to shorten life of filter element — no wide variations in gas flow or plant efficiency!

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► **UNIFORMLY LOW PRESSURE DROP** is assured, because the collected dust is removed steadily and in small increments — not by sudden surges!

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► **LONGER FILTER LIFE** is obtained because the filter fabric is not subjected to destructive jarring, rapping and vibration of conventional filter cleaning methods. The Dualaire cleaning action is gentle — yet far more effective!

► **LESS EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED** to handle a given capacity with the Dualaire because no standby sections need be provided for gas cleaning while other sections are shut off for rapping.

The Dualaire filter is kept constantly clean — automatically — while it is filtering out the suspensions. The gas is filtered and the dust removed simultaneously — without interruption. Saves space, simplifies installation!

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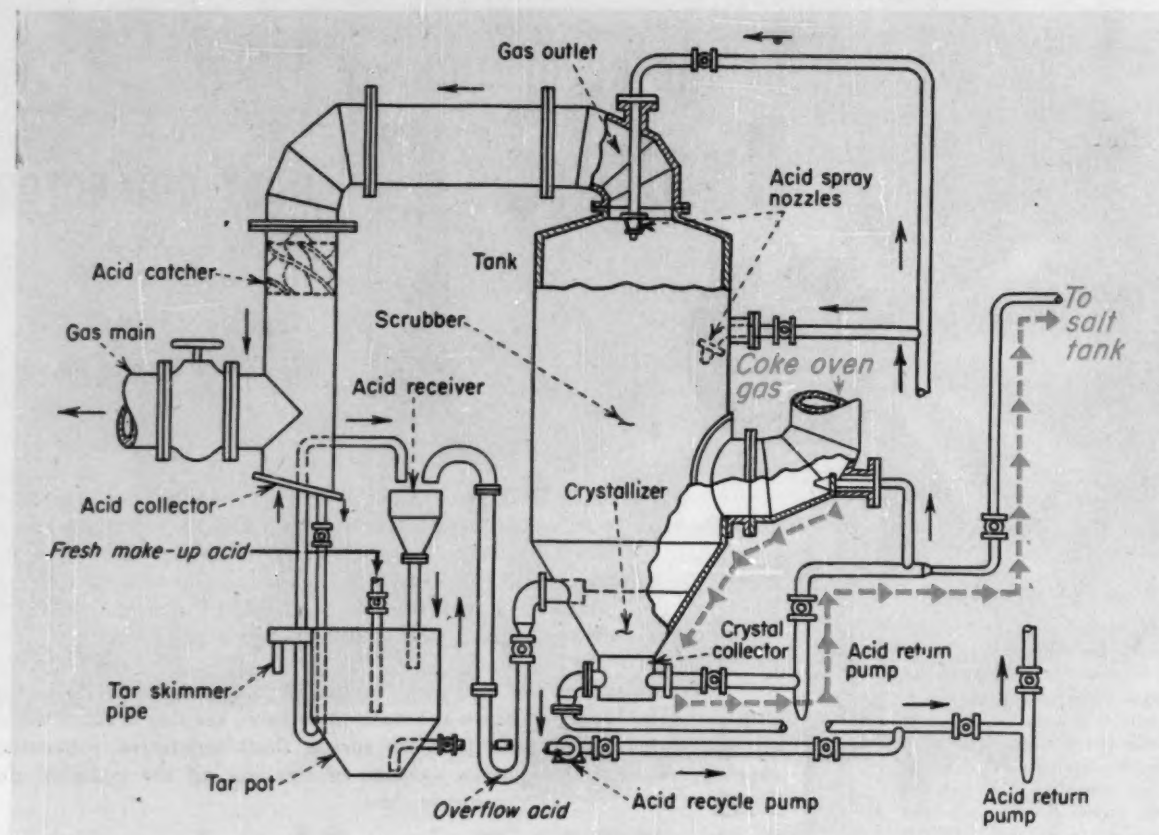
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## New Reactor Scrubs $\text{NH}_3$ From Coke Oven Gas

**Combination sprayer-crystallizer does two-in-one job: scrubs gas with  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , crystallizes  $\text{NH}_3$  as sulfate. Gas separation is almost quantitative.**

Here's a novel reactor designed to effect a quantitative separation of ammonia from coke oven gas.

► **Two-Part Reactor**—The reactor is divided into two sections—the upper, a scrubber; the lower, a crystallizer. Ammonia-containing gas enters near the bottom of the tank; stripped gas exits at the top.

Sulfuric acid is sprayed into the tank top and into the gas inlet. Acid carried over with the gas separates in an "acid catcher." An overflow pipe automatically fixes

the level of liquor and crystals at the bottom of the crystallizer.

► **Acid Cycle**—Gas pressure in the scrubber is sufficiently above atmospheric to blow overflow acid into the acid receiver. Acid collected in the "catcher" also drops—through a closed loop seal—into the receiver.

Next, it flows to a tar pot to which fresh makeup  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is added. An overflow pipe continually skims tar from the top of the pot. And acid is recycled to the tank top for further use.

To approximate counterflow conditions, it's best to maintain a higher acid concentration at the top of the scrubber than at the bottom. This is done (as shown) by adding fresh  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  to the recycled acid entering at the reactor top.

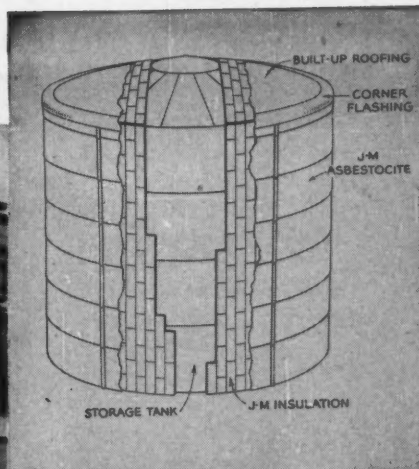
► **Added Features**—In addition to the apparatus shown, provisions are made for:

- Heating the tank wall—to minimize the formation of ammonia sulfate crystals on the inner wall.

- Injecting hot water into the tank and piping—to prevent or eliminate objectionable salt deposits.

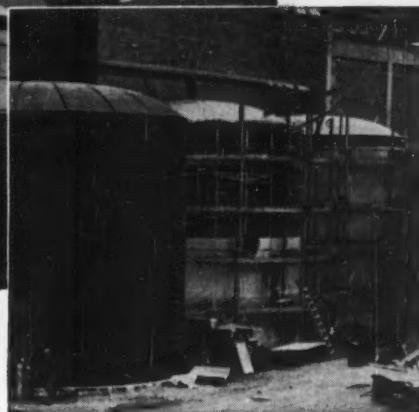
- Adding water—to make up for the evaporation of liquor in the scrubber.

Cutaway drawing shows how J-M Weather-Protected Insulation is applied to tanks such as those at the S. D. Warren Company paper mill. Standard methods for mechanical securing of the insulation are used. Asbestocite sheets are then applied over the insulation, in accordance with the simplified Johns-Manville specification.



▲ (Above) Completed job of J-M Weather-Protected Insulation on black liquor tanks of the S. D. Warren Company.

(Right) Skilled applicators of an outstanding J-M Insulation Contractor, P. S. Thorsen Co. of South Boston, Mass., applying Asbestocite sheets over Zerolite insulation.



## S. D. Warren Company saves fuel, reduces maintenance on outdoor tanks with J-M Weather-Protected Insulation

On black liquor tanks of the S. D. Warren Company paper mill at Cumberland Mills, Maine, Johns-Manville Weather-Protected Insulation pays a "double dividend":

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**It helps provide close temperature control.** The temperature of black liquor in these tanks must be maintained so that it will flow freely and not clog up pumping apparatus. J-M Weather-Protected Insulation helps do the job dependably and economically.

Whatever the operating temperature of outdoor tanks and vessels, Johns-Manville offers the right insulation for application under the Asbestocite weather protection. For example, J-M 85% Magnesia Insulation is also widely used for this service because of its proved performance for temperatures to 600 F.

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► **Limiting Factor**—Whether the amount of liquor sprayed through the inlet nozzle be less than 3,000 or more than 60,000 gallons per ton of salt produced, ammonia separation is better than 90%.

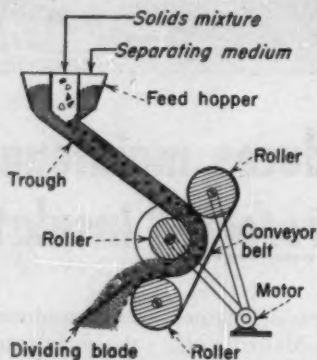
However, to insure separation of all but a minute fraction (less than 1%) of the gas' original ammonia content, the amount of liquor sprayed should be no less than 18,000 gallons per ton of salt produced.

► **Practical Advantages**—These are just two of the advantages offered by the new design:

- At crystallizer pressure of 10-15 psig., gas can flow through the tank at increased mass rates.

- Acid return pumps—i.e. all but the small recycle pump—don't operate against the back pressure of the gas.

For others, see the original patent.—U. S. 2,688,533 by Carl Otto.



### New Classifier Separates Solids

Solids of different specific gravities can be separated by directing them down an incline (in the presence of a granular separating medium), then changing their direction of flow. Here's how.

As the solids stream flows down the incline—at an angle greater than the angle of repose—heavier particles sink to the bottom of the separating medium, lighter particles rise to the top.

► **Changing in Mid-Stream**—The upper (lighter) stream flows at a greater velocity than the lower (heavier). Thus the layer of ma-

terial closest to the conveyor belt advances at increased velocity. And separation from the other layer is made easy by using a dividing blade.—U. S. 2,687,804 by Walter Vogel.

### Ethyl Sulfates for Alcohol Production

Mono and diethyl sulfates—suitable for ethanol production—are the end products of this new process involving the two-stage absorption of ethylene in sulfuric acid.

► **Absorber #1**—Ethylene gas flows up through the first absorber, countercurrent to a stream of ethylene and sulfuric acid (chemically combined in a 1:1 molar ratio).

The acid, entering the column at 120-200 F., heats up as it comes in contact with the gas. To dissipate the heat and maintain isothermal conditions, cooling coils are provided.

Finished acid exits from the column bottom, going to a storage tank. This acid is suitable for ether and/or ethanol production.

► **Absorber #2**—Residual gas (70% original ethylene content plus inerts) exits from the top of the first absorber and enters the base of the second.

A descending stream of  $H_2SO_4$  strips the gas down to 2-5% of the original ethylene content supplied to absorber #1. The acid stream—a mixture of fresh, 95-100% sulfuric and some bottoms from absorber #2—contains 0.4-1.0 mole of ethylene per mole of acid. Remaining bottoms (from absorber #2) serve as liquid feed to the first absorber.

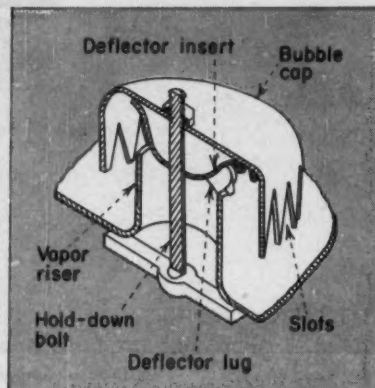
A cooler—at the bottom of absorber #2—removes the heat of absorption from the second column. Both towers operate at 200-300 psig.—U. S. 2,683,731-2 by John S. Atwood to National Petrochemicals Corp.

### Polyhydroxy Alcohols From Unsaturated Fats

Here's a new process for converting fatty unsaturates to polyhydroxy alcohols—using persulfuric acid.

The inventor reports no sulfonation, no double bond shifts. Hydroxylation is quantitative.

Spent acid is converted—by anodic oxidation in an electrolytic cell—to persulfuric acid. Fatty material is hydroxylated either in the cell or in a separate reaction chamber.—U. S. 2,688,031 by Roger L. Logan to Kessler Chemical Co., Inc.



### New Look in Bubble Caps

Highlight of a new bubble cap design is a cone-like deflector—inserted beneath the cap—which provides a streamlined path for rising vapors.

With this added feature:

- Coke-like deposits on the threads of the hold-down bolt are eliminated.

- Cap removal is simplified.

- Pressure drop is reduced.

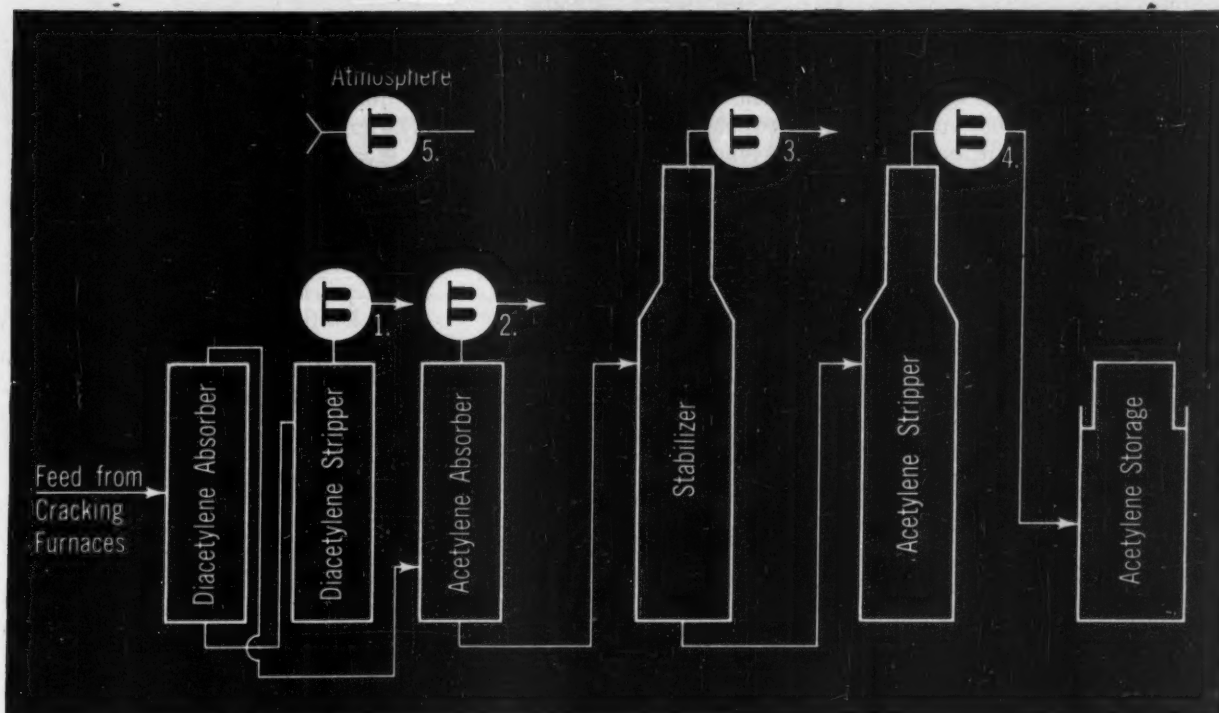
U. S. 2,686,046 by Paul R. Green and Frank J. Chmeil to Standard Oil Development Co.

### Boosting Water's D<sub>2</sub>O Content

Among the several patents on deuterium oxide production recently granted to the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission (see p. 244), this is one worth noting.

► **Deuterium Replaces Hydrogen**—First step in the new process is the contacting of steam with fluidized iron particles (at high temperature and pressure) to produce deuterium-containing hydrogen and iron ox-

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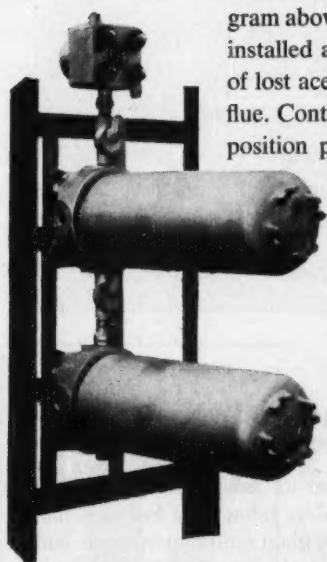
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ide particles. Deuterium-rich hydrogen then reacts with water (at reduced temperature and high pressure), deuterium replacing some of the water's hydrogen.

To complete the cycle, iron oxide is reduced back to iron by contacting deuterium-lean gas with oxide particles at high temperature and pressure. Reduced particles are returned to the process.—U. S. 2,689,782 by E. V. Murphree to U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

### Continuous Methionine Via Nitrile Hydrolysis

Feed producers, please note. A recently granted patent describes a switch in the hydrolysis of methionine nitrile to methionine, an important dietary supplement.

Unlike the conventional hydrolysis (requiring 3 hr.), the new procedure is rapid enough to make a continuous process feasible.

► **Hydrolysis Sans Degradation**—Methionine nitrile is hydrolyzed with sulfuric acid—at 175 C. and under pressure—in a closed vessel. Surprisingly enough, no undesirable degradation products form. (Methionine is thermally unstable above -10 C.)

Product is purified—when pressure on the vessel is released—by distilling off 2–10% (by weight) of the reaction mass.—U. S. 2,688,038 by Richard R. Merner to E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.

### Sulfuric Separates Phthalic Acid Isomers

Phthalic acid isomers separated simply and easily. That's the claim of California Research Corp.'s new process for separating terephthalic acid (Mylar intermediate) and isophthalic acid (alkyd resin ingredient).

The new technique does not involve the purification of the acids' precursors, *m*- and *p*-xylene. Rather, it hinges on the separation of the oxidized xylenes by the simple addition of 70 wt. % sulfuric acid.

► **Crystallization**—Upon adding the  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , a solid phase of pure tere-

phthalic acid separates out of solution. Isophthalic crystallizes after cooling and/or diluting the aqueous solution.—U. S. 2,684,382 by William G. Toland, Jr. to California Research Corp.

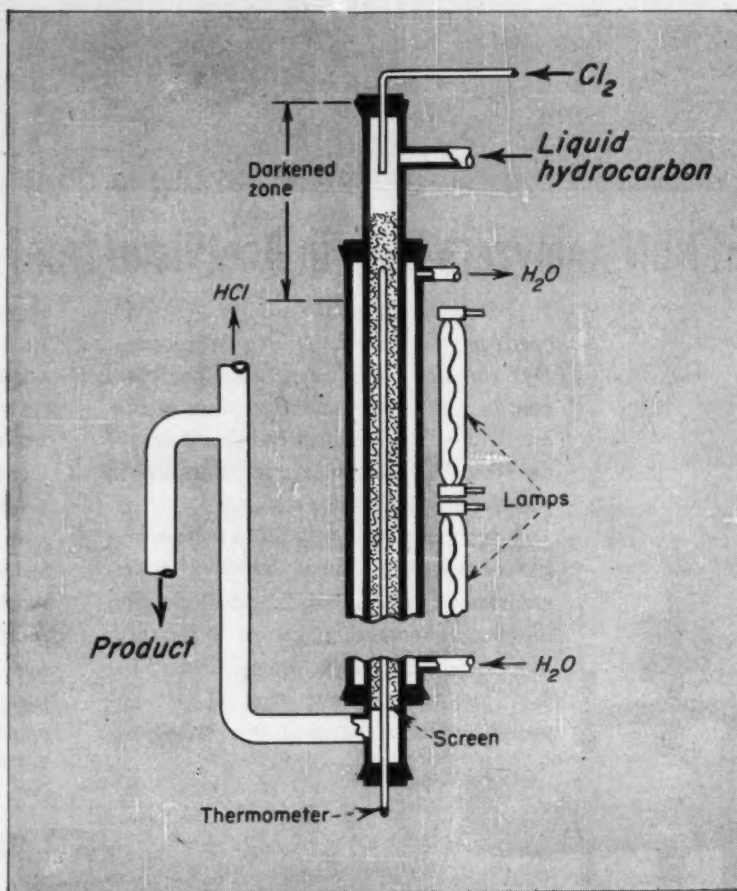
### Alkali Refining Produces Light Oil

Here's a way to improve the color of crude natural oil by a simple alkali-refining process.

Best results are obtained by agi-

tating the oil—with better than 10% aqueous NaOH—at speeds greater than those usually employed.

An agitator having 18 inches of cutting edges per pound of mixture used effects this "shearing together" of oil and alkali. At speeds of 800 ft. per min., emulsification occurs in less than a second. And refining losses are kept to a minimum.—U. S. 2,686,796 by Klare S. Markley and Reuben O. Feuge to Sec. of Agriculture.



### Chlorination Via Photochemistry

Interested in hydrocarbon chlorination? Then you'll want to compare this new process for preparing alkyl monochlorides with conventional methods.

Like its predecessors, the new procedure relies on a low chlorine: hydrocarbon ratio to prevent di- and polychlorination. But it offers these advantages:

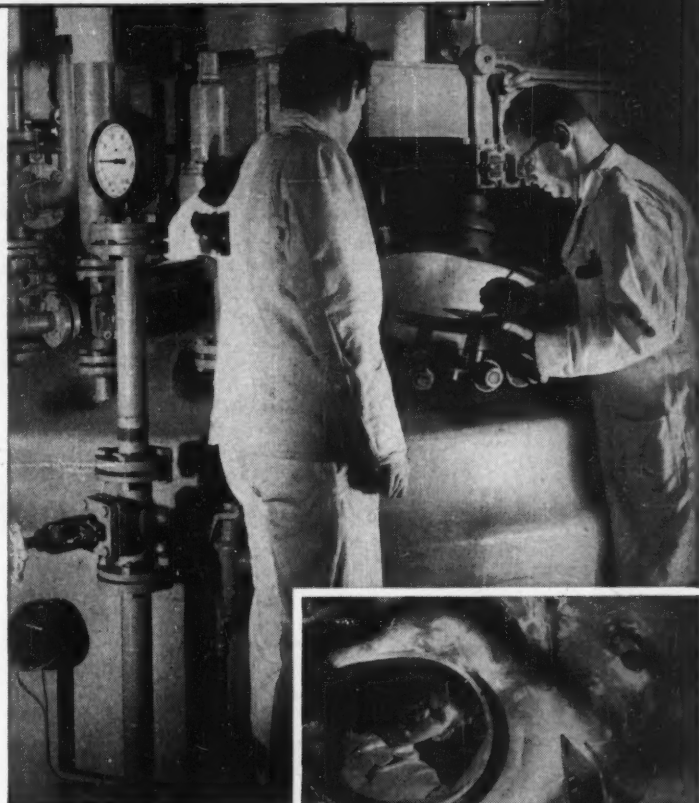


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► **Reaction Conditions**—Cooling water circulates through the tube jacket to maintain a temperature of 45-65 C. The ratio of chlorine: hydrocarbon is 0.1-0.3 gram-atom per mole. Unreacted hydrocarbon is recycled.

Reaction backup is prevented by supplying reactants—under pressure—through throttle valves. The downward (rather than upward) flow of reactants allows for a longer reaction zone, thus making cooling easier.—U. S. 2,683,688 by Heinrich Tramm, Nikolaus Geiser and Siegfried Puschhof to Ruhrchemie Aktiengesellschaft.

### New Automation for Fractionating Columns

Instead of measuring temperature variations in a fractionating column, a new control measures variations in temperature gradients. The set-up consists of two pairs of temperature-measuring devices:

• One pair—above the feed—determines the temperature from one plate to the next.

• The other pair determines the temperature gradient below the feed.

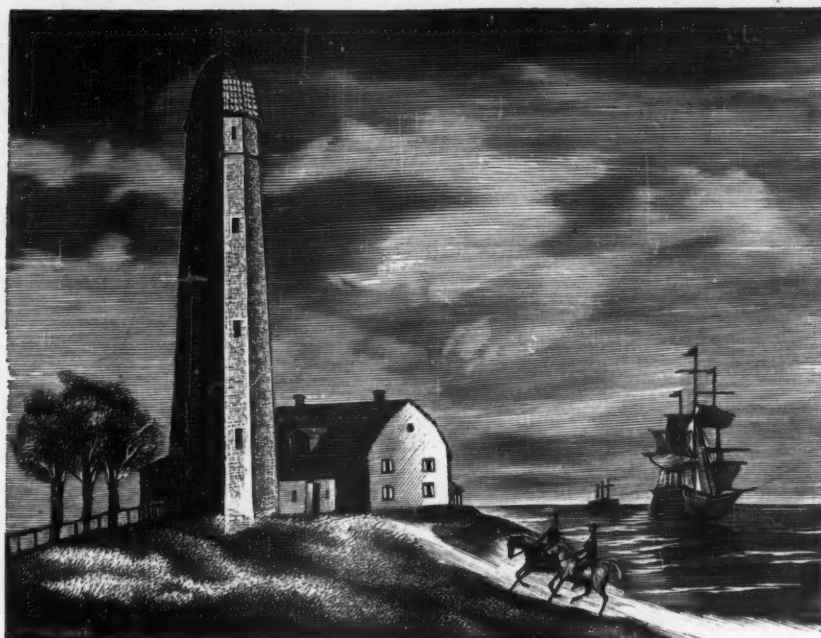
Readings are used to control reflux return and heat input to the column.—U. S. 2,684,326 by David M. Boyd to Universal Products Co.

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## Your Checklist of New Equipment Patents

Operation . . .	About . . .	Inventor or Assignee . . .	Patent No. .
Adsorption . . . . .	Adsorber for separating gases . . . . .	Union Oil Co. of Calif. . . . .	2,688,374
Distillation . . . . .	Solvent recovery process . . . . .	J. A. Bachmann et al. . . . .	2,690,019
	Fractional distillation with variable reflux ratio . . . . .	Phillips Petroleum Co. . . . .	2,690,060
	Bubble tower . . . . .	Foster Wheeler Corp. . . . .	2,690,332
Drying . . . . .	Dehydrating by freezing . . . . .	Commonwealth Engineering Co. of Ohio . . . . .	2,685,783
	Temperature control for dryers . . . . .	Adam E. Armstrong . . . . .	2,687,851
	Paint dryer . . . . .	John V. Marr . . . . .	2,688,068
	Dryer for granular material . . . . .	J. de Oliveira Torres . . . . .	2,688,196
Extraction . . . . .	Conveyor-dryer . . . . .	Ferro Corp. . . . .	2,688,807
	Continuous percolation extraction . . . . .	Michele Bonotto . . . . .	2,686,192
	Oil extraction press . . . . .	Clarence A. Bowman . . . . .	2,687,064
Extrusion and molding . . . . .	Liquid—liquid solvent extraction . . . . .	Phillips Petroleum Co. . . . .	2,689,874
	Extrusion apparatus . . . . .	Halco Plastics, Inc. . . . .	2,688,769
	Molding polystyrenes . . . . .	Monsanto Chemical Co. . . . .	2,688,774
	Injection molding . . . . .	George W. Wacker . . . . .	2,689,376
	Mold clamp for injection molder . . . . .	Albert J. Roger . . . . .	2,689,978
Filtration . . . . .	Horizontal plate filter . . . . .	Aloysius C. Kracklauer . . . . .	2,687,217
	Filter structure . . . . .	The Hilliard Corp. . . . .	2,687,805
	Nonrotatable disk filter with tipping trays . . . . .	Shell Development Co. . . . .	2,687,806
	Filter . . . . .	Arthur A. Holland . . . . .	2,688,406
Fluid and particle flow . . . . .	Suction drum strainer . . . . .	Paul G. H. Ohlstrom . . . . .	2,689,653-4
	Fluidized catalyst stripper . . . . .	Phillips Petroleum Co. . . . .	2,688,195
	Handling gas-particle mixtures in catalytic conversion of hydrocarbons . . . . .	Deep Rock Oil Corp. . . . .	2,688,588
Heat transfer . . . . .	Elevating granular solids . . . . .	Sun Oil Co. . . . .	2,689,153
	Heat exchanger handhole fitting . . . . .	Babcock & Wilcox Co. . . . .	2,688,315
	Fluid heater . . . . .	Babcock & Wilcox Co. . . . .	2,688,466
	Oil refinery heater . . . . .	Sinclair Refining Co. . . . .	2,688,589
	Pebble heat exchanger . . . . .	Phillips Petroleum Co. . . . .	2,689,047
	Heat transfer system using solid-in-gas suspension . . . . .	Thermal Research & Engineering Corp. . . . .	2,690,051
	Cooler for powdered contact material . . . . .	Soco-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc. . . . .	2,690,056-7
	Heater-cooler for liquids . . . . .	Pako Corp. . . . .	2,690,327
	Heat exchanger . . . . .	William J. Keesling . . . . .	2,690,328
Liquid-gas separation . . . . .	Thermal diffuser-separator . . . . .	Walter Wahl . . . . .	2,688,404
Mixing . . . . .	Liquid homogeniser . . . . .	Alpur A. G. . . . .	2,690,329
Solid-gas separation . . . . .	Electrode supports for electrical precipitators . . . . .	American Smelting & Refining Co. . . . .	2,688,375
	Air scrubber . . . . .	Daniel T. Oertel . . . . .	2,688,376
	Dust filter . . . . .	Henry J. Hersey, Jr. . . . .	2,689,020
Solid-liquid separation . . . . .	Magnetic separator to remove metal particles from a liquid . . . . .	Sundstrand Magnetic Products Co. . . . .	2,688,403
	Centrifuge for liquid-solid separation . . . . .	The Sharples Corp. . . . .	2,688,405
	Centrifugal separator . . . . .	Soc. Anonyme des Manufactures des Glaces & Produits Chimiques de Saint-Gobain . . . . .	2,688,437
Solid-solid separation . . . . .	Fluid flotation separator . . . . .	Allen E. Dillard . . . . .	2,689,646
	Heavy media separation . . . . .	Western Machinery Co. . . . .	2,690,261
	Heavy media separation . . . . .	American Cyanamid Co. . . . .	2,690,262

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# ... And New Process Patents

Product . . .	Process . . .	Inventor or Assignee . .	Patent No.
Dyes . . . . .	Vat dyeing acrylonitrile textiles . . . . .	Deering Milliken Research Trust . . . . .	2,683,644
	High-temperature vat dyeing with trialkanolamines . . . . .	American Cyanamid Co. . . . .	2,683,645
	High-temperature vat dyeing with manganese opds. . . . .	American Cyanamid Co. . . . .	2,683,646
Fats and oils . . . . .	Vat dyeing cellulose acetate . . . . .	British Celanese Ltd. . . . .	2,686,707
	Treating glyceride oils and fats . . . . .	Byron M. Watson . . . . .	2,686,193
	Ammoniation of glyceride oils . . . . .	Benjamin Clayton . . . . .	2,686,794
	Alkali-refining crude natural oils . . . . .	Sec. of Agriculture . . . . .	2,686,796
	Separating tall oil into a fatty acid and rosin acid . . . . .	Newport Industries, Inc. . . . .	2,688,590
	Fractionating fatty materials . . . . .	The Chemical Foundation, Inc. . . . .	2,688,626
	Oil extraction from seeds . . . . .	Gordon W. MacIlwaine . . . . .	2,689,857
Fertilizers . . . . .	Producing nitrogenous fertilizers . . . . .	Chemical Construction Corp. . . . .	2,689,175
Fuels . . . . .	Gasification of solid fuels . . . . .	Otto Hubmann . . . . .	2,689,786
Gases . . . . .	Air separation . . . . .	Air Products, Inc. . . . .	2,688,238
	Oxygen production . . . . .	Phillips Petroleum Co. . . . .	2,688,853
	Air separation . . . . .	Chemical Construction Corp. . . . .	2,688,854
Hydrocarbons . . . . .	Adsorptive separation of CH <sub>4</sub> and H <sub>2</sub> . . . . .	Sun Oil Co. . . . .	2,689,624-5
	Thermal working of shale . . . . .	Soco-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc. . . . .	2,688,464
	Purifying m-xylene by sulfonation . . . . .	Standard Oil Development Co. . . . .	2,688,644
	Solvent extraction of aromatics from non-aromatics . . . . .	Soco-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc. . . . .	2,688,645
	Volatile fuel from shale . . . . .	Standard Oil Development Co. . . . .	2,689,787
Inorganic chemicals . . . . .	Preparing uranium tetrafluoride . . . . .	U. S. Atomic Energy Commission . . . . .	2,688,529-30
	Hydrocyanic acid production . . . . .	Allied Chemical & Dye Corp. . . . .	2,688,531
	Beneficiation of ores containing KCl and MgSO <sub>4</sub> . . . . .	International Minerals & Chemical Corp. . . . .	2,689,041
	Hydrogen peroxide production . . . . .	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. . . . .	2,689,169
	Producing chlorine oxides by electric discharge . . . . .	Mathieson Chemical Corp. . . . .	2,689,217
	Concentration of sylvite ores . . . . .	International Minerals & Chemical Corp. . . . .	2,689,649
	Ammonium phosphate production . . . . .	Hall Laboratories, Inc. . . . .	2,689,780
	Raw sulfur purification . . . . .	Montecatini Soc. Generale per l'Industria Mineraria e Chimica Anonima . . . . .	2,689,783
	Pure uranium opds. recovered from ores . . . . .	U. S. Atomic Energy Commission . . . . .	2,690,376
	Hydrazine manufacture . . . . .	Olin Industries, Inc. . . . .	2,690,378
	Producing deuterium oxide as a source of deuterium . . . . .	U. S. Atomic Energy Commission . . . . .	2,690,379
	Deuterium oxide production . . . . .	U. S. Atomic Energy Commission . . . . .	2,690,380-1
	Dual-temperature isotope exchange for deuterium concentration . . . . .	U. S. Atomic Energy Commission . . . . .	2,690,382
	Electrolytic production of uranium powder . . . . .	U. S. Atomic Energy Commission . . . . .	2,690,421
	Electroplating germanium . . . . .	Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. . . . .	2,690,422
Organic chemicals . . . . .	Carbonating ammoniacal solutions . . . . .	Manganese Chemicals Corp. . . . .	2,690,431
	Fluorocarbon production . . . . .	The M. W. Kellogg Co. . . . .	2,684,987
	Acetylating tertiary alcohols . . . . .	Eastman Kodak Co. . . . .	2,685,598
	Carboxylating phenols . . . . .	The Texas Co. . . . .	2,685,600
	Olefin polymerisation . . . . .	Standard Oil Development Co. . . . .	2,686,210
	Preparation of m-nitro-p-toluidine . . . . .	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. . . . .	2,686,810
	Oxidizing methyl ethyl ketone . . . . .	Shell Development Co. . . . .	2,686,813
	Thiophenols separated from phenols by selective alkylation . . . . .	Koppers Co., Inc. . . . .	2,686,815
	1, 4-butanediol from tetrahydrofuran . . . . .	General Aniline & Film Corp. . . . .	2,686,817
	Naphthalene recovery by extraction . . . . .	Sinclair Refining Co. . . . .	2,686,818
	Producing aromatic aminocalkyl amines . . . . .	G. D. Searle & Co. . . . .	2,687,414
	Alkyl carbonates production . . . . .	National Distillers Products Corp. . . . .	2,687,425
	Synthesizing carboxylic acids . . . . .	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. . . . .	2,687,432
	Oxalic acid manufacture . . . . .	Allied Chemical & Dye Corp. . . . .	2,687,433
	Hydrotropic extraction of alcohol . . . . .	Shell Development Co. . . . .	2,687,439
	Preparation of fluorinated organics . . . . .	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. . . . .	2,687,440-1
	Gluconic acid manufacture . . . . .	International Minerals & Chemical Corp. . . . .	2,688,037
	Carbonylating mixed olefins . . . . .	Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. . . . .	2,688,042
	Production of p-xylene concentrate . . . . .	Standard Oil Development Co. . . . .	2,688,045
	Photochemical preparation of CCl <sub>4</sub> . . . . .	Diamond Alkali Co. . . . .	2,688,592
	Maleic anhydride production . . . . .	American Cyanamid Co. . . . .	2,688,622
	Sulfonation of alkyl aromatic hydrocarbons . . . . .	Standard Oil Development Co. . . . .	2,688,633
	Ketene or acetic anhydride production . . . . .	Allied Chemical & Dye Corp. . . . .	2,688,635
	Diketene manufacture . . . . .	Farbenfabriken Bayer A. G. . . . .	2,688,640
	Ethyl chloride manufacture . . . . .	Ethyl Corp. . . . .	2,688,641
	Manufacture of dichloropropenes . . . . .	The Dow Chemical Co. . . . .	2,688,642
	Two-stage olefinic polymerisation . . . . .	Standard Oil Development Co. . . . .	2,688,646
	Hydrocarbons oxidation . . . . .	Celanese Corp. of America . . . . .	2,689,253
	Polymerisation of olefins using a granular catalyst . . . . .	Standard Oil Development Co. . . . .	2,689,267
	Separating starch and gluten . . . . .	Stamcarbon N. V. . . . .	2,689,810
	Production of alkenyl thiophenes . . . . .	Phillips Petroleum Co. . . . .	2,689,855
	Monochlorobenzene recovery from DDT waste acid . . . . .	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. . . . .	2,689,871
	Preparing fatty amines . . . . .	General Mills, Inc. . . . .	2,690,456
	Trichlorobenzene manufacture . . . . .	Ethyl Corp. . . . .	2,690,458
	Manufacture of fluorine-containing opds. . . . .	The M. W. Kellogg Co. . . . .	2,690,459
	Production of titanium dioxide pigments . . . . .	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. . . . .	2,689,781
	Producing finely divided black cupreous powder for use in anti-fouling paints . . . . .	H. H. Robertson Co. . . . .	2,690,399-400
	Manufacture of refractory insulating brick . . . . .	Johns-Manville Corp. . . . .	2,688,558
Refractories . . . . .	Preparing a magnesia-carbon refractory . . . . .	Illinois Clay Products Co. . . . .	2,688,562
Resins . . . . .	Preparation of a modified melamine resin . . . . .	American Cyanamid Co. . . . .	2,688,607
Rubber . . . . .	Compounding polybutadiene with carbon black . . . . .	Phillips Petroleum Co. . . . .	2,688,605
Synthesis gas and products . . . . .	Purification of oxo-process aldehydes by distillation . . . . .	Standard Oil Co. (Ind.) . . . . .	2,688,591
	Control of hydrocarbon synthesis reaction . . . . .	Standard Oil Development Co. . . . .	2,688,629
	Treating hydrocarbon synthesis products . . . . .	Standard Oil Development Co. . . . .	2,688,630
	Hydrocarbon synthesis . . . . .	Phillips Petroleum Co. . . . .	2,689,252
	Hydrocarbon synthesis . . . . .	The Texas Co. . . . .	2,690,449
Waxes . . . . .	Solvent dewaxing . . . . .	Standard Oil Development Co. . . . .	2,688,587
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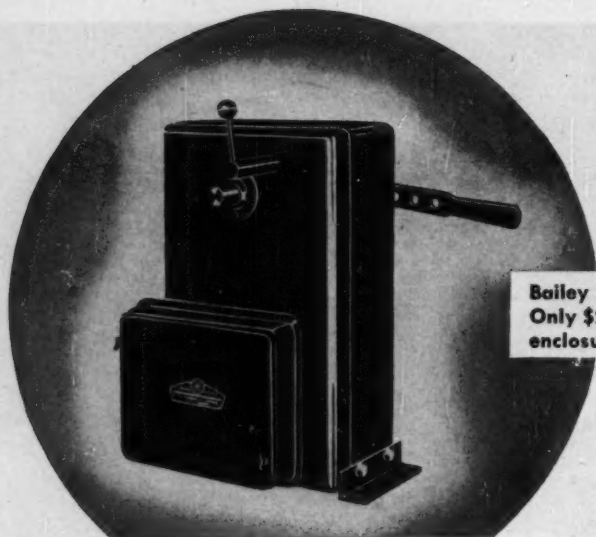


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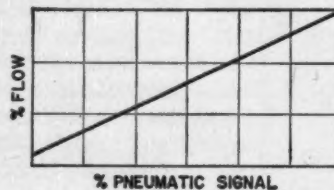
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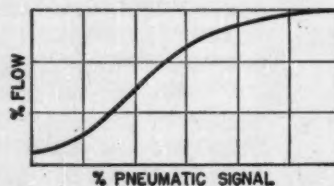
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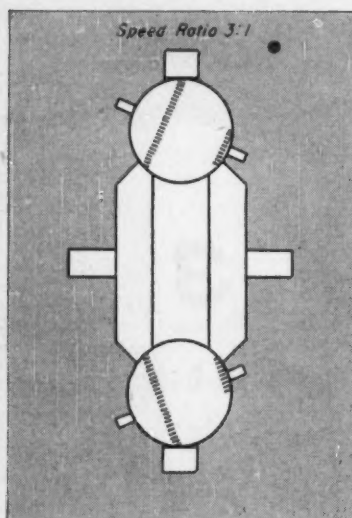
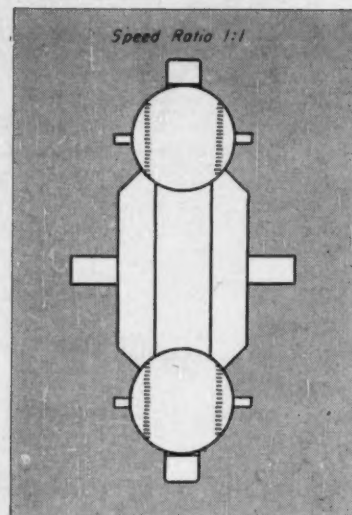
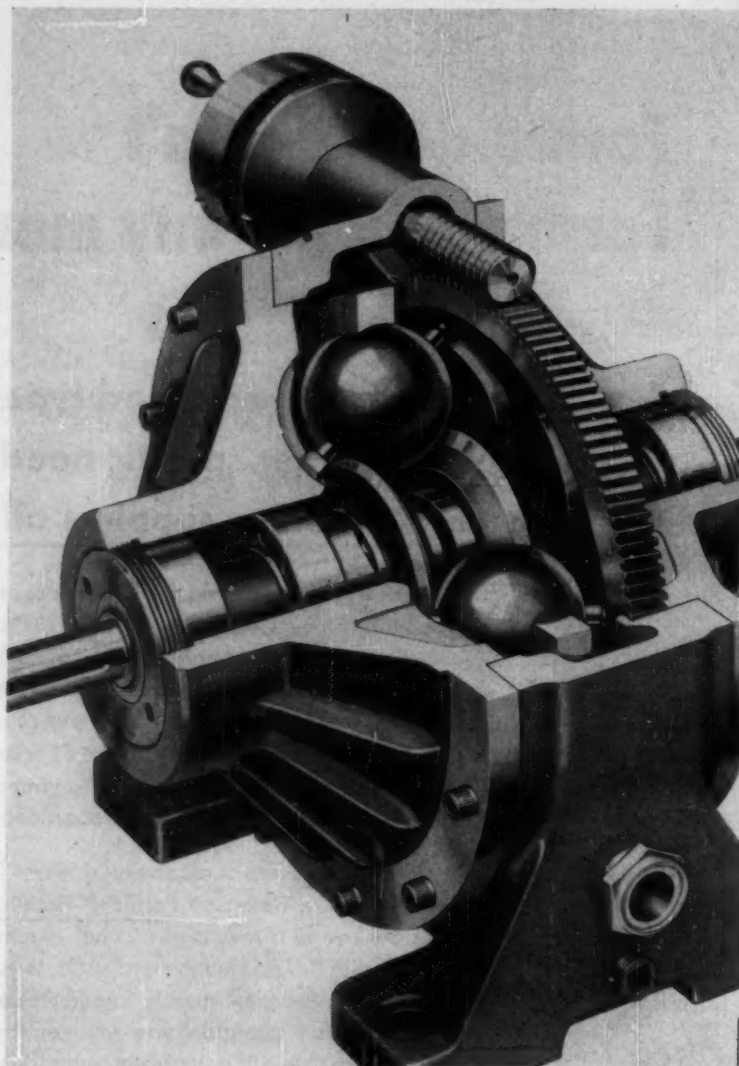
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Each ball rotates around its own individual axis.

Relative speeds of the two shafts are adjusted through the 9:1 range by angular positioning of the axles on which the balls rotate. With the ball axles parallel to the shafts (see sketch) the speed ratio is 1:1. To change the speed ratio the axles can be tilted equally in either direction so that the effective rolling radii of the balls with the engaging disks have ratios of 3:1.

Ball positions are adjusted by rotating a slotted plate that supports one end of the ball axles. Close control is obtained by moving the plate with a worm and gear.

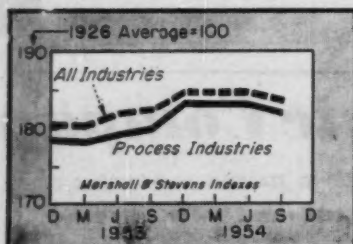
► **Torque Response**—Because of a torque-responsive mechanism between the driveshafts and disks the contact pressure between the disks and balls is only that needed to transmit the torque. And with this design operating efficiencies of 75-90% are maintained easily over a wide range of operating conditions.

Radial force imposed on the driving balls by the disks is countered by the free-floating ring enveloping the balls. The balls are not restrained radially by their axles. Instead they are positioned both radially and axially by the three points of contact provided by

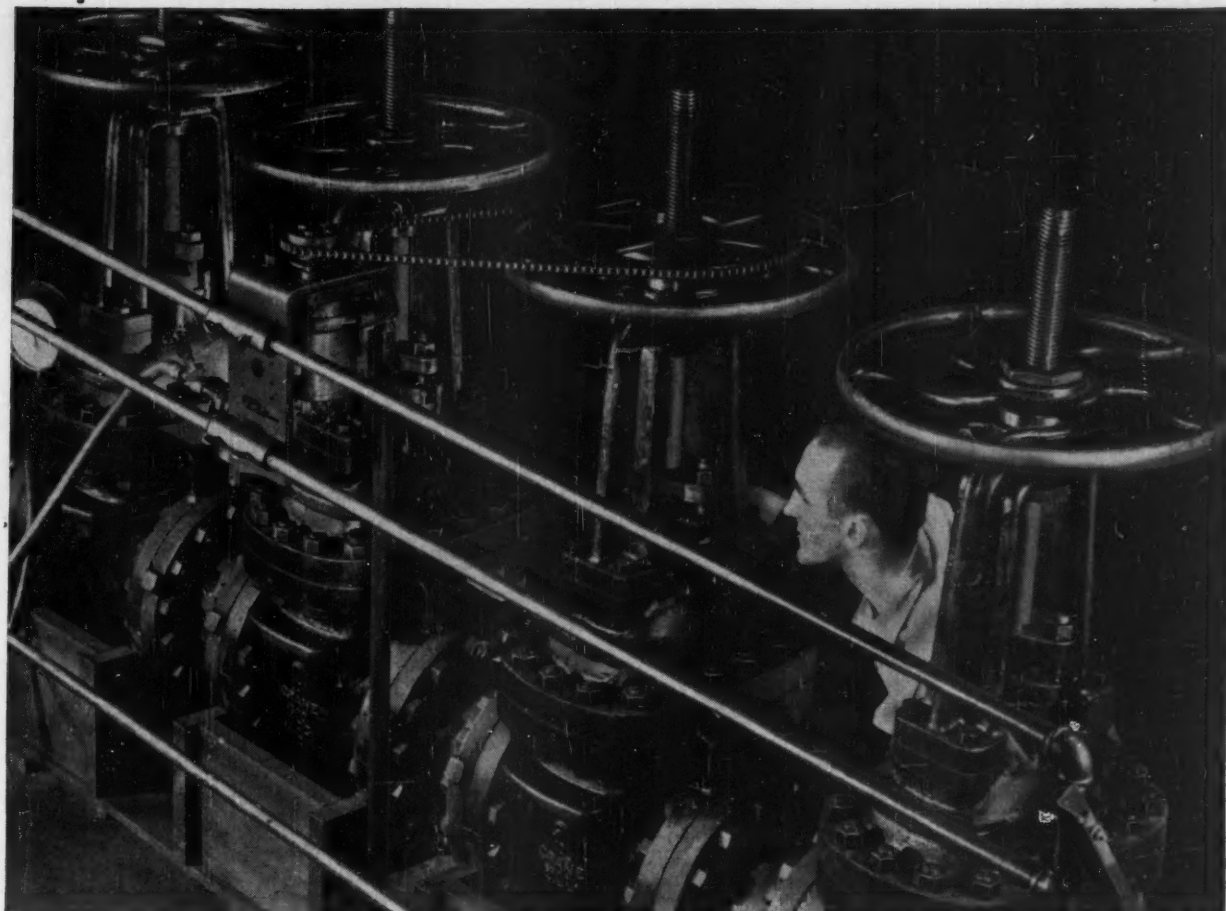
the outer ring and the shaft-mounted driving disks.

Large changes in applied torque produce a slight shift in the position of these free-floating components which in turn produce small inherent speed changes. Over the full range of rated torque, this speed change is approximately 4% which is comparable to the performance of an electric motor. Under constant torque, there is no drift and output speed is maintained without need of further adjustment.—The Cleveland Worm and Gear Co., Speed Variator Div., 3269 East 80th St., Cleveland 4, Ohio. 248A

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	June 1954	Sept. 1954	Related Industries	
<b>Process Industries</b>	<b>1954</b>	<b>1954</b>		
Cement mfg. . . . .	178.0	177.3	Elec. power equip. . . . .	188.5 187.7
Chemical . . . . .	186.6	185.9	Mining, milling . . . . .	187.6 186.8
Clay products . . . . .	172.8	172.1	Refrigerating . . . . .	205.3 204.5
Glass mfg. . . . .	176.4	175.7	Steam power . . . . .	175.9 175.2
Paint mfg. . . . .	179.7	179.0		
Paper mfg. . . . .	180.0	179.3	Compiled quarterly by Marshall and Stevens, evaluation engineers, Chicago and Los Angeles. See <i>Chem. Eng.</i> , Nov. 1947, pp. 124-6 for method of obtaining index numbers; March 1954, pp. 214-5 for annual averages since 1913.	
Petroleum ind. . . . .	183.2	182.5		
Rubber ind. . . . .	185.6	184.9		
Process ind. avg. . . . .	183.7	183.0		



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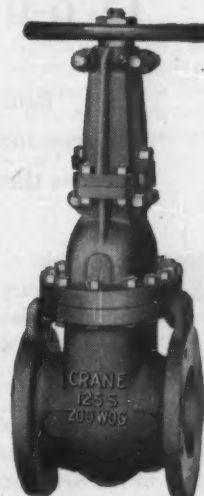
Today's Crane valve testing is done in both field and laboratory by the most scientific techniques. This continuing work seeks to increase valve performance and lessen maintenance needs. A single example is the stem packing test shown above.

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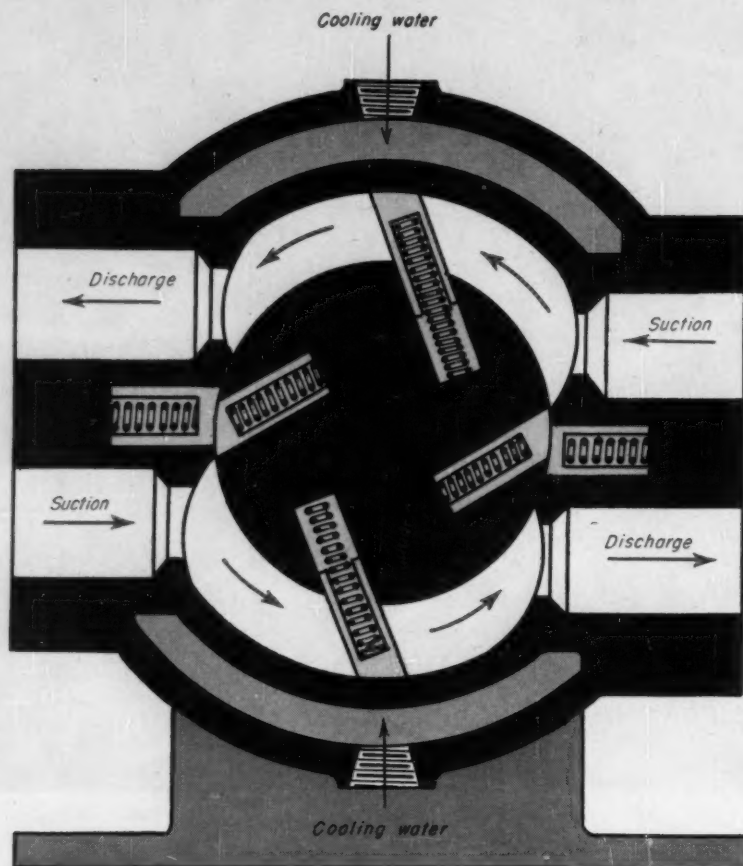
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not only smaller size but also fewer parts. There is a minimum of moving parts so that wear is reduced and maintenance is low. Elimination of chamber lubrication system and oil separator is a cost-cutting factor.

► **High Output for Size**—Unit develops high output at relatively low rotational speed because it is actually a double-acting compressing unit operating off a single concentrically-mounted shaft within one housing. Both sides of the compressor are served by the same rotor

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According to the inventor, Hans M. Petersen, the shape of the chamber curve leading to the discharge valves is a prime factor in effectively trapping the air between blades and rapidly accelerating the pressure buildup. By blending five curves into one the resultant curve can be followed at high speed by the spring-loaded sliding vanes without losing the sealing action.

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► **Standard or Special Drive**—Any conventional gasoline or electric motor can be used to drive the compressor. A miniature, sliding-vane gasoline engine, having many parts interchangeable with the compressor, now is being designed. The combined package of motor and compressor will measure 24 x 9 x 9 in. and weigh about 500 lb. complete.

The current model has a capacity of 120 cfm. and a discharge pressure of 120 psi. Rotor diameter is 4 in., inside bore 6 in. Other models are being designed with bore diameters from 6 to 18 in. for outputs from 30 to 350 cfm. These will be produced as the demand arises.—Petersen Enterprises, 2657 Buchanan St., San Francisco 15, Calif. 252A

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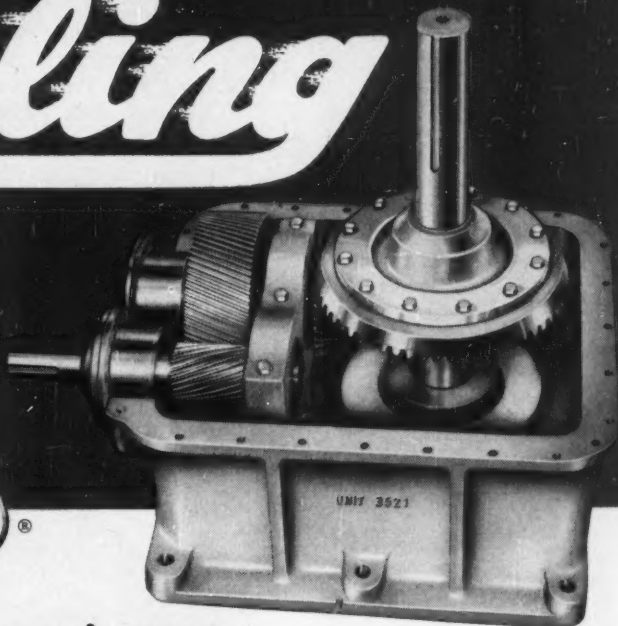
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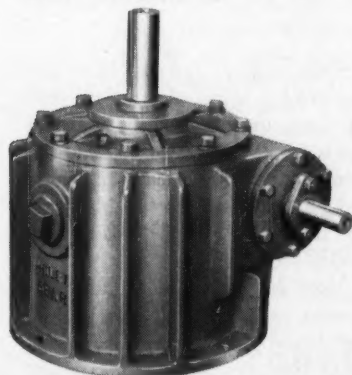
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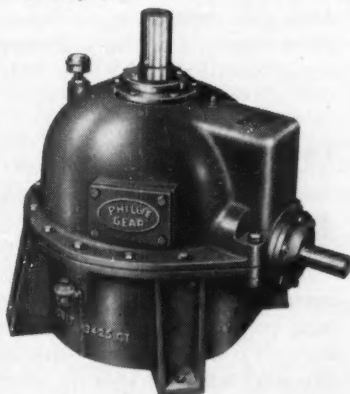
#### spiral bevel

**HP range**—15 thru 75 HP @ 1750 rpm input.

**Ratio range**—3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9 $\frac{1}{5}$ :1.

**Efficiency**—97-98%.

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#### helical spiral bevel

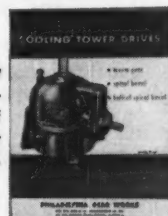
**HP range**—20 thru 115 HP @ 1750 rpm input.

**Ratio range**—6 $\frac{3}{5}$  to 15:1.

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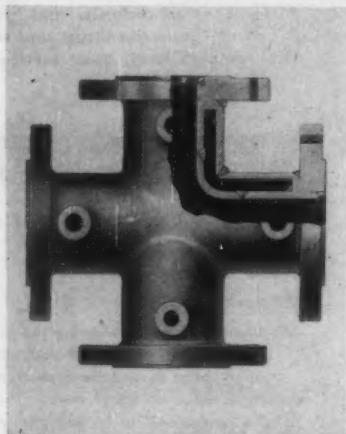
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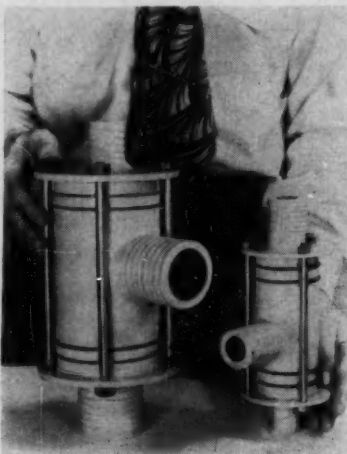
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### Turbo Pump

Designed for high pressure service with long life.

A new turbo-driven centrifugal pump is built for service on boiler feed, evaporator feed, open heater feed, oil refinery charging, thermal reforming, etc.

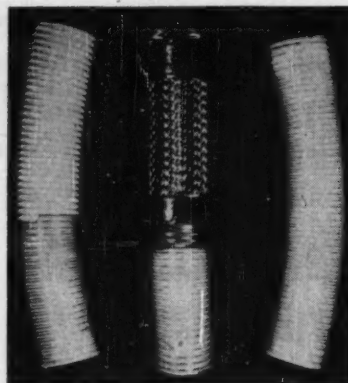
Double inlet impeller provides high suction capacity and assures as perfect an axial hydraulic balance as it is possible to achieve. The impeller discharges through a diffuser

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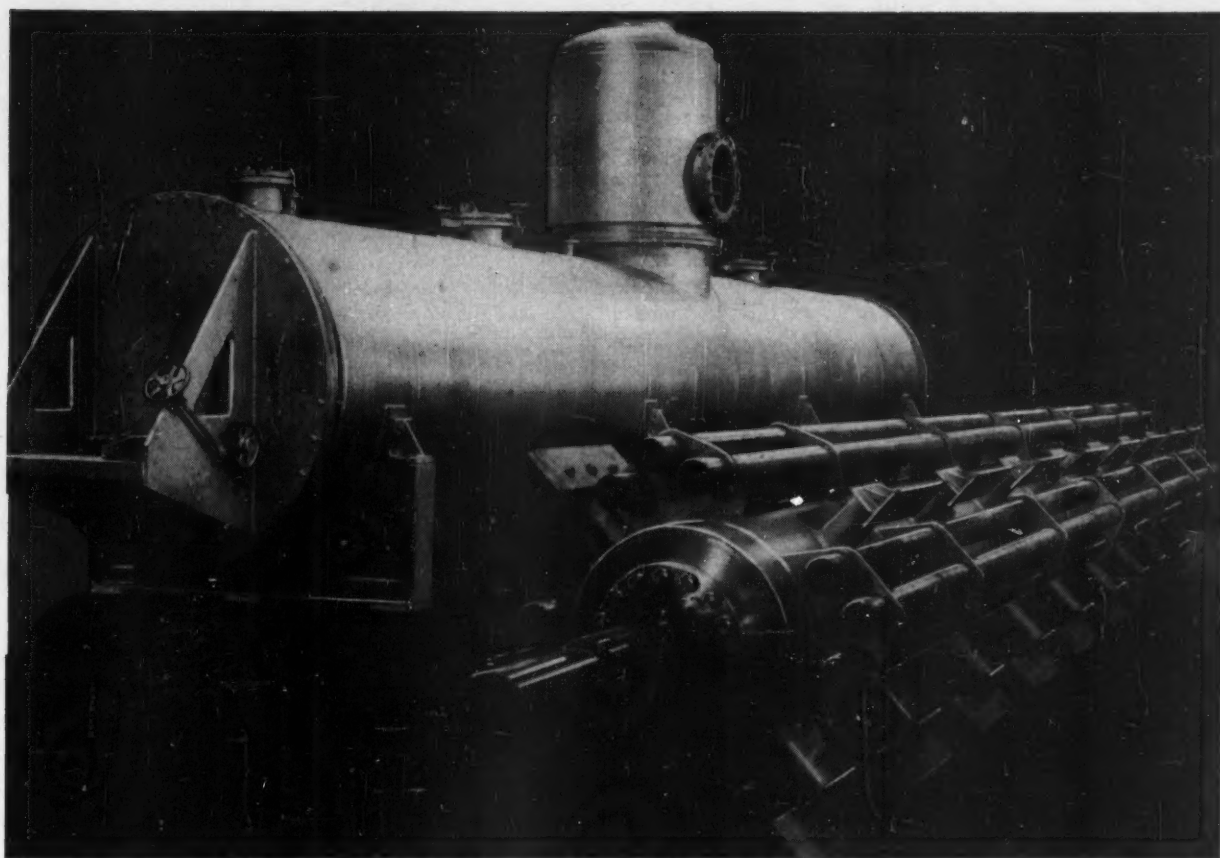


### Flexible Hose

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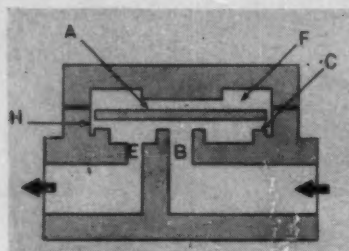
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Pressure in the inlet tube B raises the disk allowing air and/or condensate to flow radially across the underside of disk A to the outlet tube E.

When steam follows, the velocity across the disk is much greater and, as the steam strikes the body at H, pressure builds up in chamber F. This causes disk A to seat, closing inlet tube B and sealing steam in chamber F. As pressure in chamber F decreases by condensation, pressure in inlet tube B again raises disk A and the cycle is repeated.—Sarco Co., Inc., Empire State Bldg., New York 1, N. Y. 256A

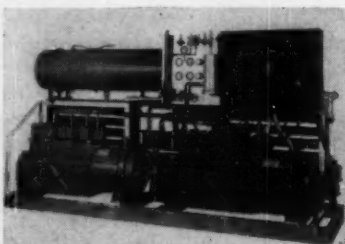
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**High capacity pilot unit for granular and crystalline solids.**

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Mechanical features include a positive pin-sprocket transmission to the rotating drum and also a pin to pin cam transmission to the turntable feeder disk. This all-positive drive permits manual selection of speed from 8 to 24 rpm. Power for both is one ¾ hp. variable-speed motor.—Roberts & Schaefer Co., 130 North Wells St., Chicago, Ill. 256D

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### CORROSION RESISTANCE

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Acetic Acid—All Conc.	7	Ammonia—All Conc.	8	Cider	
Acetic Acid—All Temp.	9	Beer—169°F	9	Coffee—Boiling	
Alkaline Water—70°F	9	Blood—Cold (Meat Juices)	9	Copper Sulfate—Sat. Sol.	
Alkali—All Temp.	8	Boiling Acid—Cust. Boiling	9	Fruit Juices—Hot	
Ammonia—All Temp.	9	Calcium Hydroxide—Sat.	9	Ureoline	
Ammonium Nitrate—Sat. Sol.	7	Carbonated Water	7	Uyol	

### RESISTANCE TO SCALING

CONTINUOUS		INTERMITTENT	
TEMP. °F	INDEX	TEMP. °F	INDEX
1200	1	1800	5
1400	2	2000	6
1600	3	2200	7
1700	4	2400	8

### MACHINABILITY

% OF MILD STEEL	INDEX
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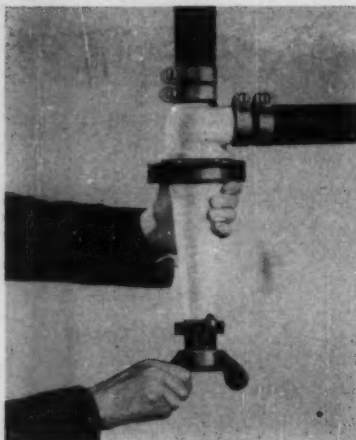
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Feed chamber, vortex finder and cone section are all cast integrally in the porcelain body. Each unit is equipped with a steel support ring, rubber-disk apex valve, hose and clamps for the feed and overflow connections.—The Dorr Co., Barry Place, Stamford, Conn. 258A

### Flotation Clarifier

Removes both floatable and settleable solids.

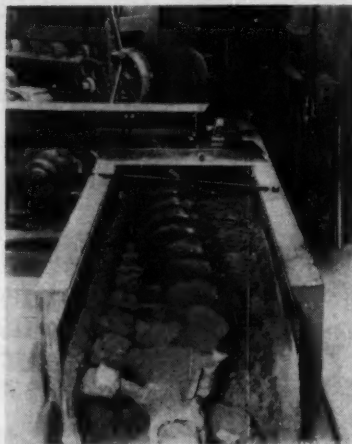
With the Aerofloter flotation unit both floatable and settleable solids can be removed from water simultaneously. This makes the unit a double-edged weapon for fighting effluent clarification problems.

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After entering the machine, the tiny bubbles adhere to suspended particles in the influent floating them to the surface. As the solids float on the surface they dewater partially during removal by skimmer.

Settleable solids falling to the bottom are scraped into the sludge collection pit for removal.—Graver Water Conditioning Co., 216 West 14th St., New York 11, N. Y. 258B



### Solids Mixers

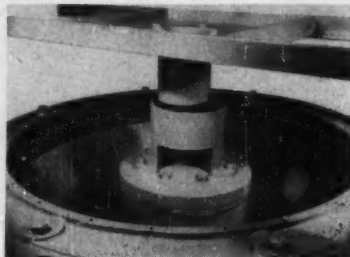
For continuous mixing and pugging of materials ranging from dust to 1½ in. lumps.

Whether dry or in slurry form solids can be mixed or pugged continuously with the new Colonial line of machines. Manufactured in standard sizes the units are engineered with production capacities to suit specific needs. Particular emphasis is laid on helping plants to shift to continuous processing to achieve cost savings.

Specific features include an all-welded frame of heavy steel plate; standard replaceable mixer trough of heavy-gage stock; box-type construction to eliminate dirt catching framework; safety guard over mixing portion of the trough; simplified drive mechanism; and a diversion plate at mixer discharge to eliminate segregation.

Feeding equipment and some other components to make a complete system are available.—The Colonial Iron Works Co., 17643 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland 10, Ohio

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### Crusher

Claimed to give greater particle size reduction.

Large tonnages of fine particles can be produced by the Gyradisc crusher using the Gruender reduction method. Actual installation tests on both metallics and non-metallics show substantially greater tonnages of fines than most other methods of crushing.

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An efficient and positive pneumatic release system holds the bowl structure rigidly to the main frame. The mechanism responds quickly to any overload.

Unit is adjusted easily to give desired product size. It's built only in a 54-in. size, can handle feed containing material minus 1, ½ or ¾ in. with or without fines.—Nordberg Mfg. Co., 3075 South Chase Ave., Milwaukee 1, Wis. 258D

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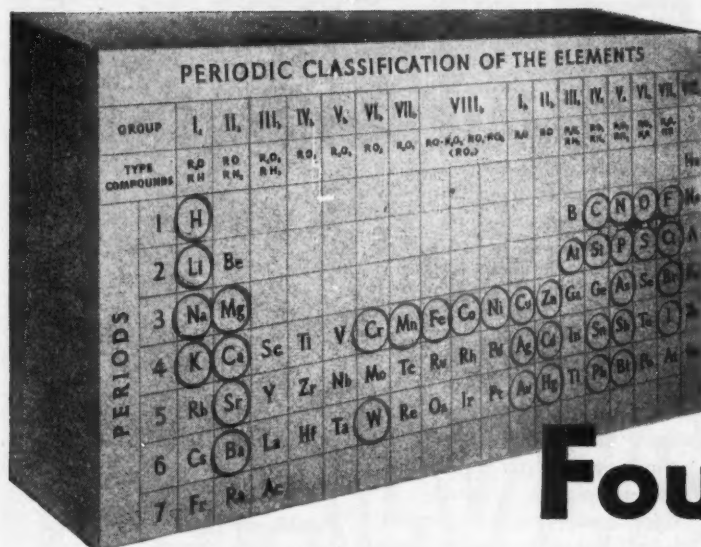
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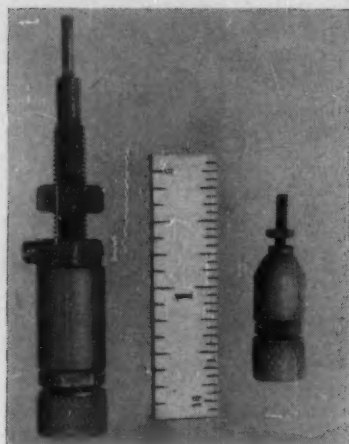
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## NEW INSTRUMENTS & CONTROLS



### Thermocouple

Constructed ruggedly gives extremely fast response.

A new type of thermocouple combines ruggedness with ability to measure rapid temperature changes of metal wall surfaces. It has been tested satisfactorily up to 60,000 psi. under severe mechanical vibration.

A plating of one micron thickness at the junction minimizes the response time of the instrument when temperature changes. Within  $\frac{1}{4}$  microsecond the junction temperature reaches approximately  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the amplitude of a stepchange of the exposed surface.

Two models of the thermocouple have been developed: a small one for use in thin walls and a large one for use in thick walls.—Midwest Research Institute, 4049 Pennsylvania, Kansas City, Mo.

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### Controllers

Operating electronically offer process engineer new tool.

Two new instrument lines recently announced are Speedomax type H controllers and series 60 proportional-control units. Both are mounted in the Speedomax case when the equipment is to be used for proportional control. The control unit also is made as a separate instrument for use with L & N Speedomax type G and Micromax controllers.

Type H. Speedomax is made in

single point only, and at present only for measuring temperatures using a thermocouple or resistance thermometer. For on-off control it moves a fuel valve or contactor from fully-on to fully-off, provides dependable null-balance measurement and control in the simplest form.

For proportional control it moves the fuel valve or contactor in proportion to the fuel required through the action of the series 60 control unit.

The series 60 control unit which translates Speedomax measurements into the correct regulating operations is made in three types. These are position-adjusting or duration-adjusting types with proportional, reset and rate actions; and simple proportional control.

Both the Speedomax type H and series 60 control are more compact than predecessor instruments from L & N's line. The series 60 offers greater simplicity, interchangeability of types, plug-in construction plus advances in sensitivity, speed and flexibility demanded today.—Leeds & Northrup Co., 4901 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pa.

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### Measuring System

Gives remote temperatures and pressures without complex electronics.

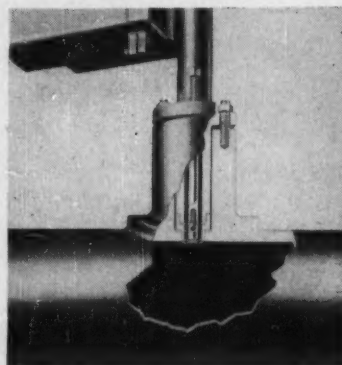
Heart of the new ElectronSyn pressure and temperature measuring system is a signal generator that has been tested and proved in military servo-systems for over a decade. It's explosion-proof, has high output without amplification, is not affected by vibration or line voltage changes and can withstand pressure overload up to 100%.

The signal generator is a high-resolution, electro-magnetic, rotary transducer with a linear output. Fluid pressure in a twisted Bourdon tube or a temperature-sensitive bimetallic ribbon spiral rotates the signal generator a minute amount producing a proportional electrical signal.

A complete system requires a source of constant 60-cycle current,

pressure or temperature detectors mounted directly on vessel or pipeline and an indicating long scale meter mounted on a control panel remotely located from the detection points. Signals can be transmitted over distance using line or microwave facilities.—Controls Division, Control Engineering Corp., 934 Washington St., Norwood, Mass.

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### Pressure Transmitter

Produces electrical signal proportional to pressure at high temperature.

A new electrical-output pressure transmitter measures pressure at high temperature, is particularly suited for polymers, asphalts, slurries, molten metals, and viscous fluids that solidify when stagnant. Changes in temperature of the process fluid do not affect the output signal.

The pressure-measuring diaphragm is located inside a well mounted on the pipe line so that the diaphragm surface is flush with the inside of the pipe wall. This way the small-displacement diaphragm can move freely without restricting flow.

Small movements of the diaphragm, in response to pressure changes, are transmitted through a rod to a mechanical linkage. The linkage actuates the core of a differential transformer. Output from the transformer varies from 0.00 to 0.50 v., 60 cycle a.c. and is directly proportional to the pressure being measured.—The Swartwout Co., 18511 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 12, Ohio.

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## NEW MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION

### Vermiculite Concrete

Shows ability to withstand fire when used in steel roof construction.

Following test by Underwriters' Laboratories a combination roof, with reinforced vermiculite insulating concrete on a ribbed deck, was declared seven times more fire resistant than anything else in its field. During the tests it withstood for one hr. and 49 min. temperatures ranging up to 1,830 F.

Despite the high heat the vermiculite-steel deck did not collapse and deflections were nominal. Under similar conditions an unprotected steel roof deck would be expected to buckle pouring molten pitch or asphalt into the fire.

The test slab had a 1:4 mix of reinforced vermiculite concrete, 3-in. thick, on a Holorib steel deck. Load on the slab was 40 lb. per sq. ft.

Cost of the new system is com-

parable with other unprotected systems.—Vermiculite Institute, 208 South LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill. 262A

### Lining System

Ceramic type protects and restores water tanks.

A new ceramic-base tank lining system has the ability to expand or contract with the iron or steel to which it is bonded. It can be used on either new or old tanks.

The 4-in. protective layer will not crack or fail when subjected to variable temperatures from 34 to 230 F. Its effectiveness in preventing corrosion by commercially neutral water is not impaired by extreme temperature fluctuations. There is no tendency for the lining to contaminate the water.—Emjay Maintenance Engineers, 327 Union Ave., Rutherford, N. J. 262B

### Stainless Steel Castings

In extra-low carbon grade now available from West coast foundry.

Stainless-steel castings in the 18-8 and 18-8 Mo grades now can be furnished with a guaranteed maximum carbon content of 0.03, or lower under special conditions. Three years of research have produced practical and economical methods for making this grade of cast steel.

Users of extra-low-carbon stainless steel know that it minimizes corrosion adjacent to welds under severely corrosive conditions. Reduction of carbon from the normal range of 0.08-0.10 to 0.03 is the key factor in controlling carbides. Because of the low carbon content harmful precipitation of carbides is avoided during manufacture or fabrication.—Electric Steel Foundry Co., 2141 N. W. 25th Ave., Portland 10, Ore. 262C



### Reinforced Polyester Resin Plugs Gaps and Strengthens Water Header

This water header at Celanese Corp. of America's Bishop, Tex. plant was little more than an open channel, and worse still, leaking from many holes below the water line. Even the sections still not leaking

were paper thin. But as you can see it was salvaged, thanks to optimism and judicious use of resin laminate. Scale was first knocked off and two plies of glass cloth, saturated with MR-28C self-curing polyester resin,

applied over the large holes. Leaks were then plugged and two additional plies of resin-saturated glass cloth wrapped about pipe.—Celanese Corp. of America, 180 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y. 262D

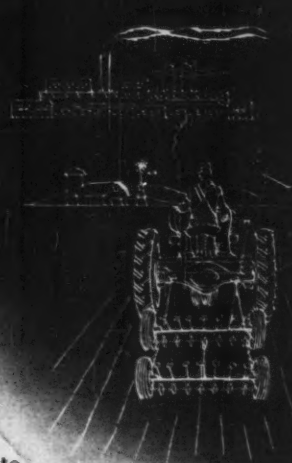
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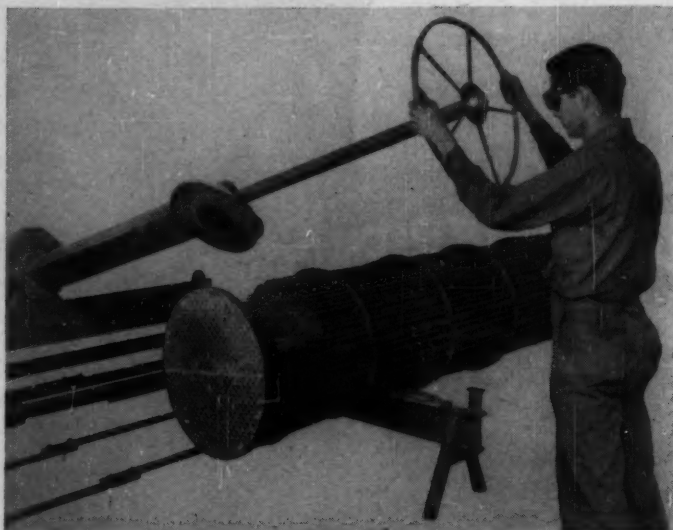
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### Faster Tube Removal Shortens Retubing Time

With this bundle slicer tube-removal time is cut from 16 or more man hours to 1½. Cutting is done by reinforced, resinoid type, abrasive wheel mounted on long, movable arm. Tubes are cut clean without

burrs. When wheel is turned over between cuts, the motor reverses rotation, keeping the spark stream away from the operator.—Ohmstede Machine Works, 895 North Main St., Beaumont, Texas. 264A

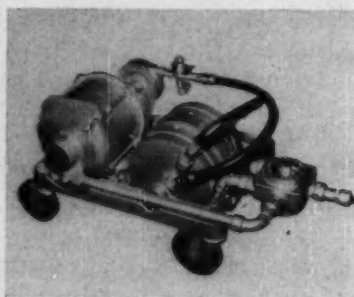
### Thread Compound

Provides permanent lubricant-seal for all types of threaded fittings.

Containing 90% freshly-disintegrated metallic lead, Big D Dope is claimed to save in excess of 70% on materials and manpower compared with other thread compounds. A single application provides permanent lead-plating permitting repeated, easy, quick assembly and disassembly of any threaded connections without redoping and without damage to the threads.

Compound is warranted anti-gall, non-corrosive, non-hardening and leak-proof. It is resistant to steam, gas, oil, air, chemicals, alkali, acids, ammonia, and all hydrocarbons under the most punishing pressures, temperatures and vacuums. It has been thoroughly proven on hydraulic lines, on nuts

and studs, on all types of pumps and engines, and on large plug valves.—C. H. Dragert Co., Dallas, Tex. 264B



### Hot Sprayer

Applies sprayable coatings giving better film under field conditions.

Help in controlling corrosion is offered by the Spec-Flo Hot Spray Portable 600 spraying machine. Wherever protective coatings are

applied outdoors it saves up to 35% of labor, gives better quality by spraying hot.

Vinyls, enamel, cutback asphaltums and similar materials can be sprayed hot to give a smoother, denser, less porous film that is free of pinholes and imperfections. Application is faster and film thicker.

Unit has a heavy-duty, 2,000-w., UL-approved heater and explosion-proof motor. Delivery rate is 15 gph. at distances up to 50 ft. from the heater.—Spec-Flo Corp., Houston, Tex. 264C

### Improved Arc Welding

Increases welding speed 15 to 20 percent, lowers cost 25 to 50 percent.

Higher welding speeds, better quality welds and lower operating costs are the principal benefits of a new consumable-electrode, inert-gas arc-welding process. While the consumable electrode process has been used for several years to weld stainless steel this new system now allows the welding of mild steel.

Welds made by this system can be painted without cleaning as there is virtually no spraying or spatter of electrode material, nor is there any slag-covering on the weld. Appearance is improved so that externally the weld looks to be part of the design while internally penetration is exceptionally good and of sound x-ray quality.

Most significant advance in the new system is the electrode wire. It's a special analysis mild steel with a coating that stabilizes the arc, eliminates spatter and assures good penetration with high burn-off rate.—Westinghouse Electric Corp., 401 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh 30, Pa. 264D

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# News about COATINGS for METALS

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## New corrosion-control "tool" provided by spraying-type plastisol

### Ucilon Protective Coatings solve many problems

A variety of Ucilon® Protective Coating Systems, using either air-drying or baking coatings are available to handle problems that cannot be solved with plastisols. Applied like ordinary paint, Ucilon Coating Systems resist the same corrosives as plastisols and even some that plastisols do not withstand. The line includes systems based on vinyl, phenolic, chlorinated rubber and other chemical resisting coatings. Detailed information is provided in Bulletin MC-8. Send for it — no obligation.

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### Four types of drum linings handle most needs

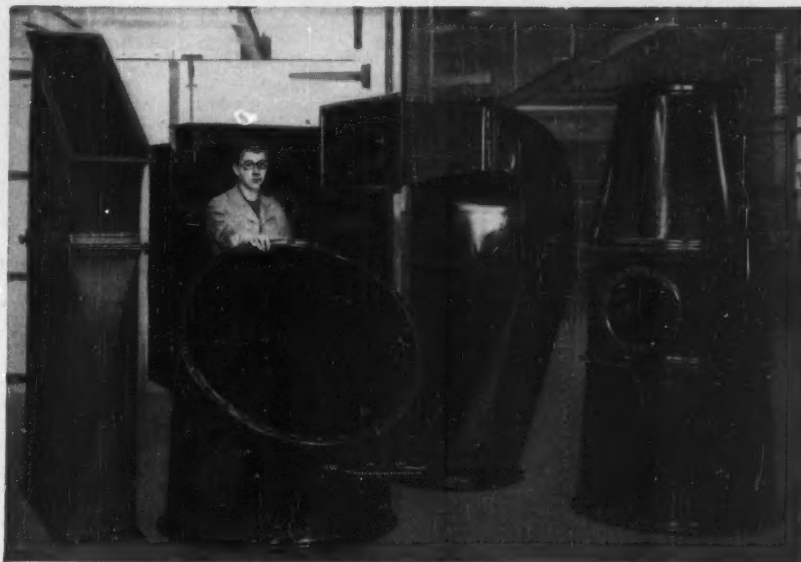
Protection against drum corrosion and contamination of product is being obtained by many major steel drum suppliers by four basic types of Unichrome Drum Linings.

These include: (1) Phenolic base linings which are well suited for packaging solvents, oils, acid products and are used extensively in shipping detergents. (2) An epoxy resin base lining that not only gives essentially the same chemical resistance as the phenolics but also better flexibility and alkali resistance. (3) Vinyl base linings which are used effectively for packaging foods as well as caustics, latex, potable mineral oils and the like. (4) Plastisol drum linings which resist a wide range of products and are good for multiple trips.

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#### UNUSUAL PROTECTION

Unichrome Series 5300 Plastisols have many advantages over ordinary coatings. They offer continuous, seam-and pore-free protection against a wide variety of corrosives, including acids, alkalis, water, salt solutions, oxidants, reducing agents, and many others. They level surface irregularities and provide substantially greater protective film thick-

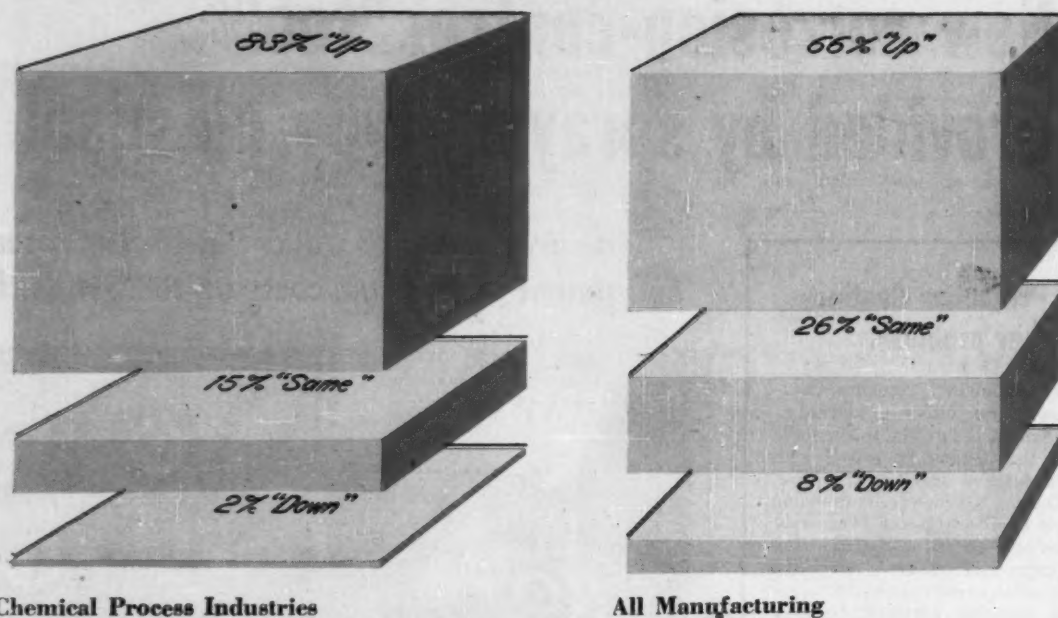
ness, features particularly important in coating surfaces that are not smooth. 5300 Plastisols are resilient, resist abrasion, chipping and cracking. Single coat dry film thicknesses up to 25 mils can be obtained.

#### ASSISTANCE IN SOLVING PROBLEMS

United Chromium, with its unequalled experience in the plastisol field, provides detailed recommendations on solving corrosion problems with plastisols. Interested engineers need only provide details of their problems. The company can also provide the names of coating specialists qualified to apply plastisols to your equipment.

More information about Unichrome Series 5300 Plastisols may be obtained by sending for Bulletin VP-1.

### What Manufacturers Say Their Sales Will Do in 1955



## Why 1955 Will Be Chemicals' Best Year

Chemical production, like sales will set new records this year. And capital spending, though expected to dip slightly, will stay at an extremely high level.

William H. Chartener, McGraw-Hill Dept. of Economics

For the chemical industry, 1955 will be the year when long-run growth reasserts itself and carries production and sales to new peaks. For other manufacturing industries—and for the economy as a whole—1955 promises to be somewhat better but not up to the boom levels of 1953.

► **Sales Lead the Way**—The chemical sales outlook, as determined by a recent McGraw-Hill survey, is almost uniformly bright.

Only 2% of the chemical process companies reporting expect their sales to drop in 1955; all of these

are in the chemical industry proper. Not one of the companies reporting in the related paper, rubber, or stone, clay and glass industries expect lower sales. And the same happy situation prevails in the petroleum industry.

Higher sales are expected this year by 83% of chemical process companies and by 78% of petroleum companies reporting. Firms expecting sales to be just about the same as in 1954 amounted to 15% in chemical processing, 22% in petroleum.

In all manufacturing, only 66%

of the companies reporting predict their sales will rise. About 8% expect a drop and the remaining 26% expect sales to be just about the same.

► **Up From a Slump**—Sales of chemicals and allied products rebounded quickly after a slow first quarter in 1954. Second quarter sales matched those of the same period in 1953, running about \$5.1 billion.

This rise in sales should continue in 1955 at a healthy rate and put total sales for the year more than 5% over 1954. The late surge in 1954, in fact, may put both production and sales figures over 1953 when final statistics are available.

► **Spending: Down But Still High**—Chemical processing firms are backing their confidence in rising sales

# Welding Copper



Inert gas shielded metal arc welding of new copper shell for rebuilt tower.

## SAVES 38% in materials and labor for joining

Some time ago, the Tennessee Eastman Company, Kingsport, Tennessee, a Revere customer, began to rebuild some of its copper stills or fractioning towers, which previously would have been silver-brazed. Revere's welding specialists were called in to see whether or not welding would be superior. Demonstrations were made to Tennessee Eastman engineers and shop personnel, with the result that welding was adopted. Actual experience in the shop shows a saving of 38% in materials and labor for joining, and a better job in every way. The welding method used is the inert gas shielded metal arc process.

Reconstruction of the towers was made to reduce the number of flanges. At the same time Tennessee Eastman changed from the flange joint tray construction to the inserted tray type and incidentally, reduced the number of gaskets with their accompanying maintenance problems. The trays are salvaged by shearing off the bolt hole circle and folding up the edges. The towers are some 45' high, 6' to 10' in diameter, with a tray or bubble cap plate at

specified intervals. Tennessee Eastman plans to rebuild several towers a year in this economical way.

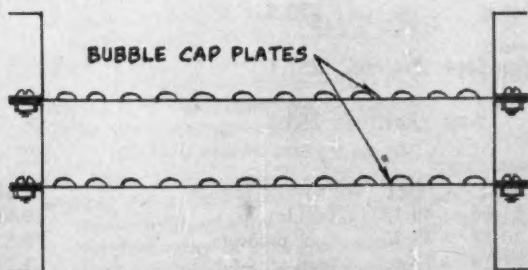
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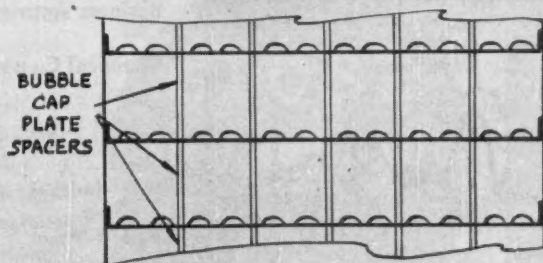
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Section through old tower, showing bubble cap plates held in bolted flange.



Section through new welded tower. Bubble cap plates have had bolt holes sheared off, edges turned up. They are held in place by spacer rods.



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during 1955 and later years by maintaining a continuing high rate of investment in new plants and equipment.

Preliminary plans reported to McGraw-Hill indicate a drop of only 2% in capital spending in the year ahead by the chemical processing group—including refining and petrochemical facilities. For all manufacturing, the expected capital spending decline is 7%. And for all industry the indicated drop is 5%.

Of the individual process industries, the chemical industry proper accounts for the biggest projected capital outlay—\$1.3 billion out of a total of \$2.9 billion. Petroleum refining, with plans to spend \$717 million, leads the related processing industries. The ceramic group (glass, clay and stone) boasts the only increase, but it's an impressive 23%.

The chemical process group as a whole will account for more than a third of all capital spending in manufacturing in 1955, replacing metalworking as the largest single group.

**Spending in 1956: Leveling High**—An advance look at capital spending plans for 1956 shows a leveling off of investment at a high rate, despite the virtual end of the defense expansion program.

Nearly half—46%—of the companies in chemical processing expect to invest about the same in new plants and equipment during 1956 as in 1955; 29% expect to spend more. In chemicals proper, 37% of the firms plan to boost spending in 1956. Only in the rub-

## Capital Spending by Chemical Process Industries

	Millions of Dollars			
	1953 Actual	1954 Estimated	1955 Planned	% Change 1954-1955
Chemicals.....	\$1,559	\$1,328	\$1,269	- 4%
Petroleum refining.....	675	767	717	- 7
Pulp and paper.....	431	448	423	- 6
Ceramics (glass, stone, clay).....	339	335	413	+23
Rubber.....	158	133	121	- 9
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,162</b>	<b>\$3,011</b>	<b>\$2,943</b>	<b>- 2%</b>
Percent of all manufacturing...	32%	33%	34%	

Source: U. S. Dept. of Commerce, Chase National Bank, McGraw-Hill Dept. of Economics

ber industry do a majority of companies—55%—expect their capital spending to drop in 1956.

**►And It Could Be More**—Past McGraw-Hill surveys have shown that most companies underestimate their investment plans for more than a year in advance. So 1956 may be a year of even greater capital spending than 1954 for the chemical process industries. Plans for 1955 spending might also be increased during the year if overall business recovers sufficiently.

**►Output Will Be Up, Too**—The recession which began about 18 months ago didn't have a severe impact on the chemical industry. Chemical production, as measured by the Federal Reserve Board Index (seasonally adjusted), dipped only 6% between July 1953 and January 1954. There was a steady rise all through last year and the previous peak was topped early last fall.

Industrial production as a whole, on the other hand, dropped 10% from July 1953 to March 1954 and

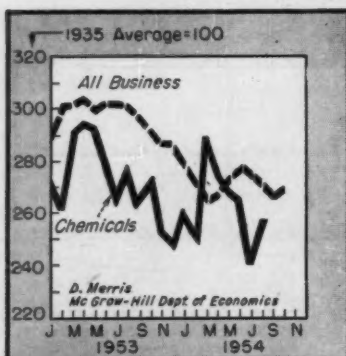
rose only slightly above the bottom figure of 123 (1947-1949 = 100) during the latter part of last year.

Output in the broader group of chemical process industries, which totaled about \$56 billion in 1954, should surpass the 1953 record of \$59 billion this year. This will mark the resumption of the growth trends which are expected to boost annual production in chemical processing industries to some \$70 billion by 1960.

**►What's Behind the Boom**—The glowing outlook for chemicals in 1955 comes not only from the reassertion of long-run growth trends, but from an improved economic picture generally.

Gross National Product—the sum total of goods and services produced during the year—will probably rise about \$8 billion over the \$356 billion at which the economy held steady through most of last year. This would be nearly identical with the record \$364.9 billion reached in 1953, though still below the peak annual rate of \$370 bil-

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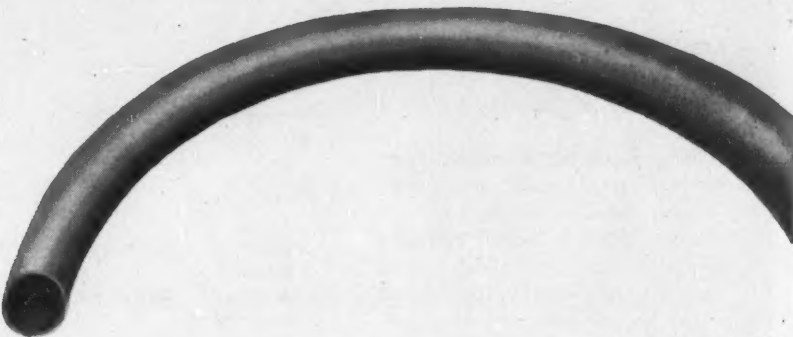


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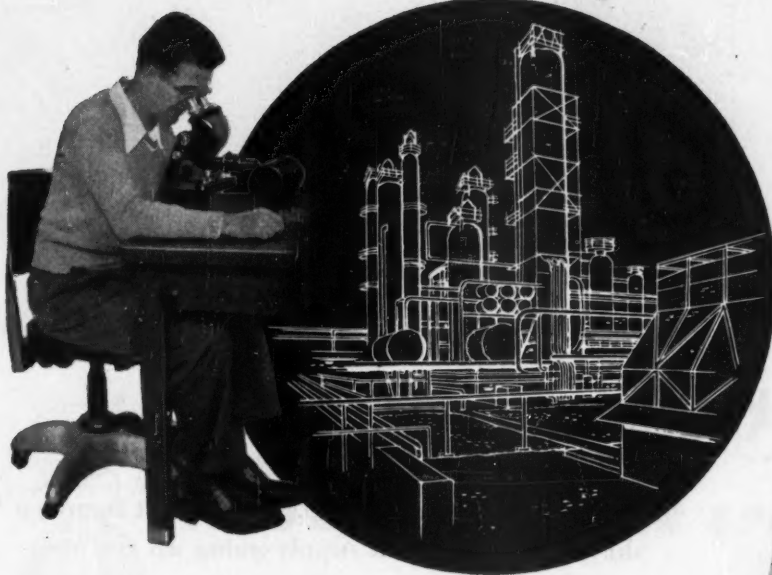
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Fertilizer .....	51.05	48.17	Paint & varnish.....	27.68
Pulp & Paper.....	30.77	32.52	Textiles .....	9.96
Petroleum ref. ....	27.24	27.66	Coal products .....	9.57
Iron & steel.....	12.49	12.23	Leather .....	3.98
Rayon .....	26.06	27.13	Explosives .....	8.12
Glass .....	22.58	25.37	Rubber .....	4.52
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lion attained in the second quarter of 1953.

► **Who Does the Spending**—Government purchases of goods and services should show little over-all change. Though federal spending will likely drop \$1.5 to \$2 billion, this will be offset by an almost equal rise in state and local government spending.

Private investment should increase by about \$2 billion, largely because of the end of the inventory run-off that characterized 1954. Increases in inventory count as investment in Gross National Product and decreases in inventory are subtracted from investment.

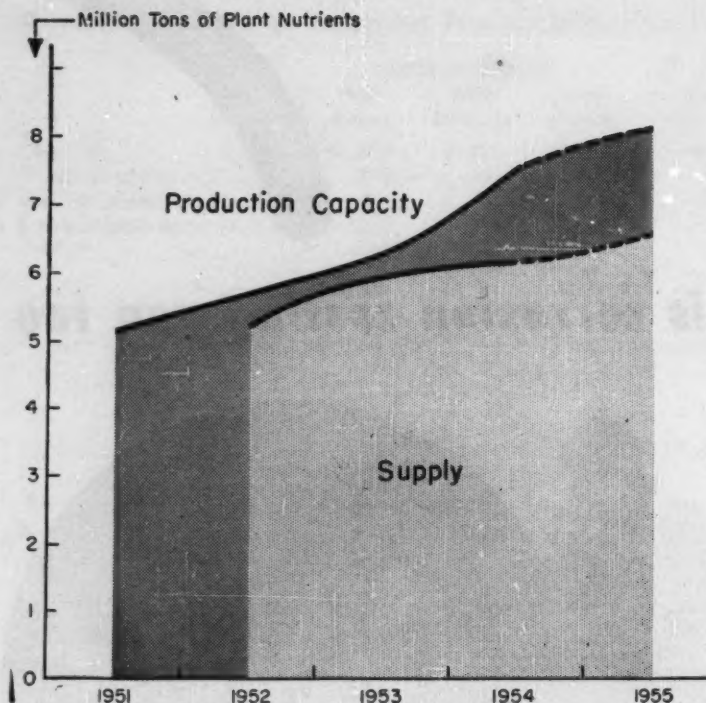
Producers' durable equipment expenditures will probably decline about \$1 billion. But new private construction—sustained by booms in housing and commercial buildings—should remain near present levels.

Consumer expenditures, which took up much of the slack caused by drops in government spending and private investment in 1954, will continue their rise in 1955. Auto makers expect a good year with bright new models, which should hold consumer expenditures on durables at \$28 billion. Spending on nondurables will follow the population increase and rise about \$4 billion.

Finally, spending on services, which seems to be enjoying a long-run rising trend should go up another \$2 billion in 1955.

► **Others Should Gain**—Most of the industries that are important customers of the chemical industry stand to do better in 1955 than they did last year. The over-all Federal Reserve Index of Industrial Production should be about 128—up 3%. Individual industries using large amounts of chemicals that should show improvement include textiles, rubber, paper and food processing.

In short, the chemical industry had to rely on underlying growth trends to hold production and sales to a small drop in 1954. Now, with recovery evident in business generally, these growth forces can once again carry the chemical industry to new records.



## Fertilizers: Piling Up?

**Some say yes, some say no. But recent figures show production and supply going up and up.**

No matter how you slice it, the emphasis is on more and more fertilizers these days. More capacity, more production, more consumption. A recent USDA prediction is that there'll be a total 1954-1955 supply of primary plant nutrients 5% greater than the '53-'54 total.

Here's the breakdown:

Nutrient	Million Tons	
	'53-'54	'54-'55
Nitrogen.....	2.020	2.200
Phosphates.....	2.364	2.350
Potash.....	1.831	1.970

For comparison, here are the 1952-1953 supply figures:

Nitrogen.....	1.804
Phosphates.....	2.414
Potash.....	1.739

► **Misleading Figures**—Total U.S. consumption of all kinds of fer-

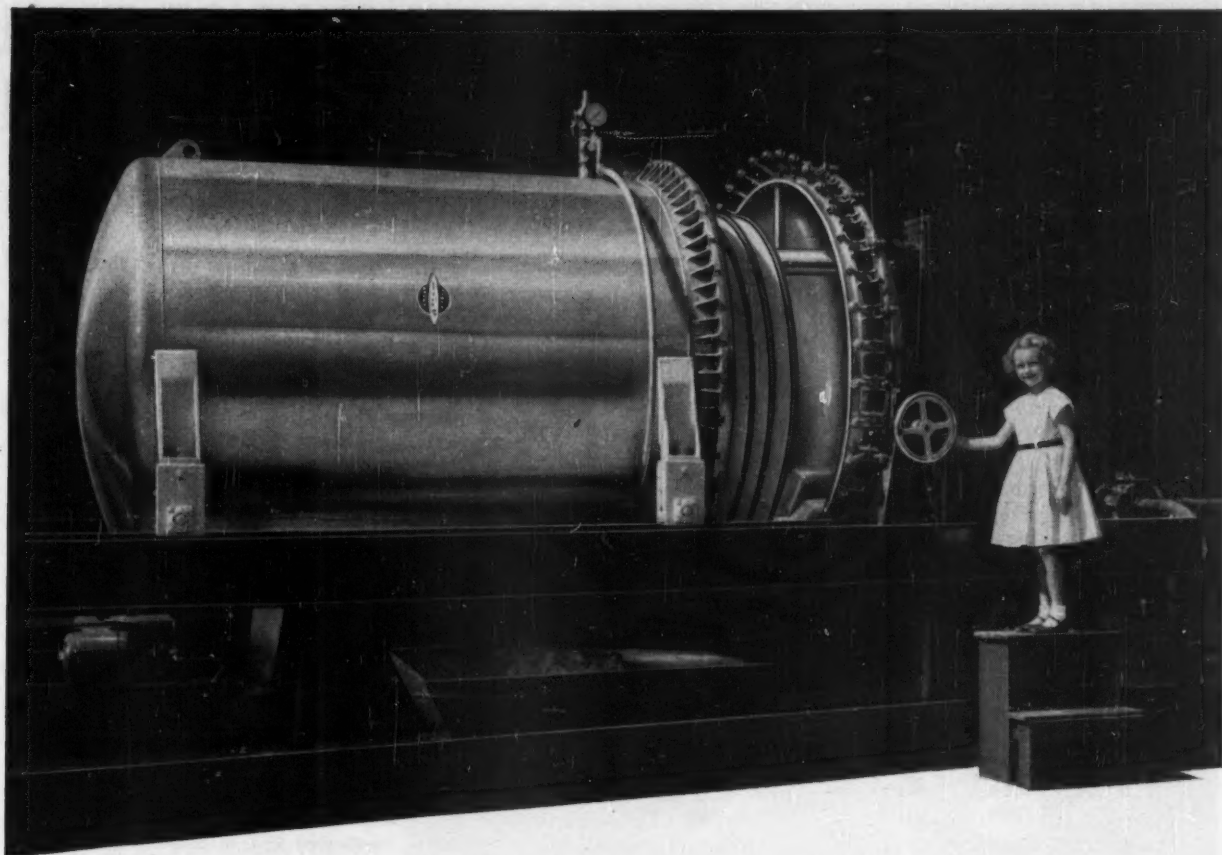
tilizers can be misleading, however. In 1953-54, 20,290,549 tons were consumed, a 1.5% drop from the 1952-53 figure of 20,603,448 tons.

But tucked away in these statistics is an important trend taking shape—the trend toward production of more concentrated plant foods. Very probably consumption of active ingredients was up in the '53-'54 crop year, but these ingredients were in more concentrated form.

For example, take anhydrous ammonia for direct application. Having its start in 1943, this technique has been enjoying steady growth. In 1952-53 about 12% of all nitrogen supply was in the form of anhydrous ammonia. In 1953-54 it was at 17%. And in '54-'55 it's expected to go up to 18%.

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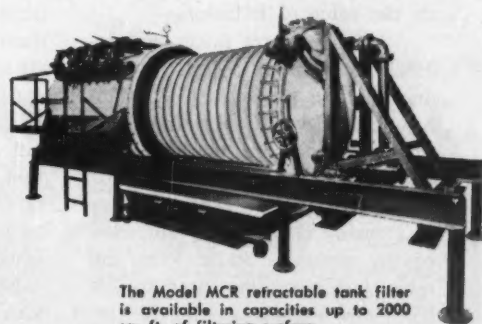
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Last year the Office of Defense Mobilization set up a 1957 domestic nitrogen production goal of 3.5 million tons a year. In 1951 we had a total capacity of 1.4 million tons; in July 1954 we had a capacity of 2.9 million tons. Now it looks like the goal will definitely be met—and perhaps exceeded.

For phosphates, production fell a little short of the goals, although capacity increases have been impressive—up from 2.2 million tons in 1951 to 3.3 million tons in 1954-55. The same story holds for potash output, which will have risen from 1.4 million tons in 1951 to the production goal of more than 2 million tons in 1954-55.

► **No Bed of Roses** — There are plenty of people who look at the fertilizer picture and slowly shake their heads. Fertilizer supply is going up, they say, but will the farmers use it all? Apparently not, according to this group, for they believe the expansion is artificial, propped up by war and inflation.

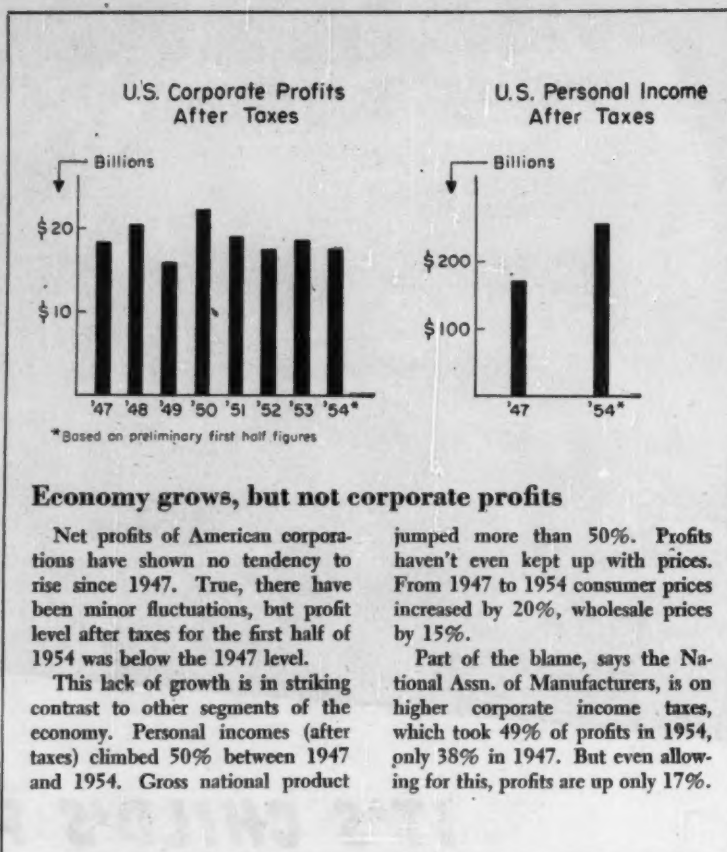
There's no doubt that expansion has been rapid, particularly in nitrogen fertilizers. But the experts say the farmers will use all the fertilizer produced.

Here are a few of the many reasons behind this optimistic thinking:

- Industry and government are going all out to sell the farmer on the value of fertilizers.

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- Our population is increasing at a steady rate, a sure indication of the need for more food—and more fertilizers since our tillable land not already in use is very small.



### Economy grows, but not corporate profits

Net profits of American corporations have shown no tendency to rise since 1947. True, there have been minor fluctuations, but profit level after taxes for the first half of 1954 was below the 1947 level.

This lack of growth is in striking contrast to other segments of the economy. Personal incomes (after taxes) climbed 50% between 1947 and 1954. Gross national product

jumped more than 50%. Profits haven't even kept up with prices. From 1947 to 1954 consumer prices increased by 20%, wholesale prices by 15%.

Part of the blame, says the National Assn. of Manufacturers, is on higher corporate income taxes, which took 49% of profits in 1954, only 38% in 1947. But even allowing for this, profits are up only 17%.

### Soviet Chemical Output Still Far Behind U. S.

In chemicals and petroleum, the USSR has no excess production and cannot outproduce the United States in the foreseeable future. Nevertheless, an over-all increase in output and improved Russian technology are anticipated.

These statements by J. G. Tolpin (Std. Oil, Ind.) keynoted a comprehensive analysis of Russia's chemical and oil industries presented recently to the National Industrial Conference Board. Here are some of Mr. Tolpin's supporting facts.

► **Chemicals**—U. S. chemical output is estimated to be four times that of Russia. Though there are no USSR surpluses, records do show some exporting of fertilizers, pharmaceuticals and chemicals.

Sulfuric acid production in Russia is about one-fourth that of the U. S. We produced 2.5-2.9 times

as much nitrogen. In soda ash the ratio is probably 4 or 5 to 1; in calcium carbide, 2-4:1; in superphosphate, 4:1; in rayon—Russia's only commercial synthetic fiber—5:1; in synthetic rubber, 1.5-2:1.

► **Petroleum**—For every barrel of oil produced in Russia, the U. S. produces 6.8 barrels. Counting imports the lead may be 8 to 1.

In 1953, Soviet oil production totaled slightly over 8% of world production. The entire Soviet bloc accounted for 10% of the world's oil output. By 1955 Russia aims to be producing 500-550 million barrels. But this goal, which would require a higher annual increase than attained in the last few years, may still fail to give Russia a much larger share than she now has.

Soviet refining capacity is about 90% of its production, with a cracking capacity of 300,000 bpd. in 1951. U. S. capacity is 8-10 times greater. Equally important, many of Russia's fifty-odd refineries

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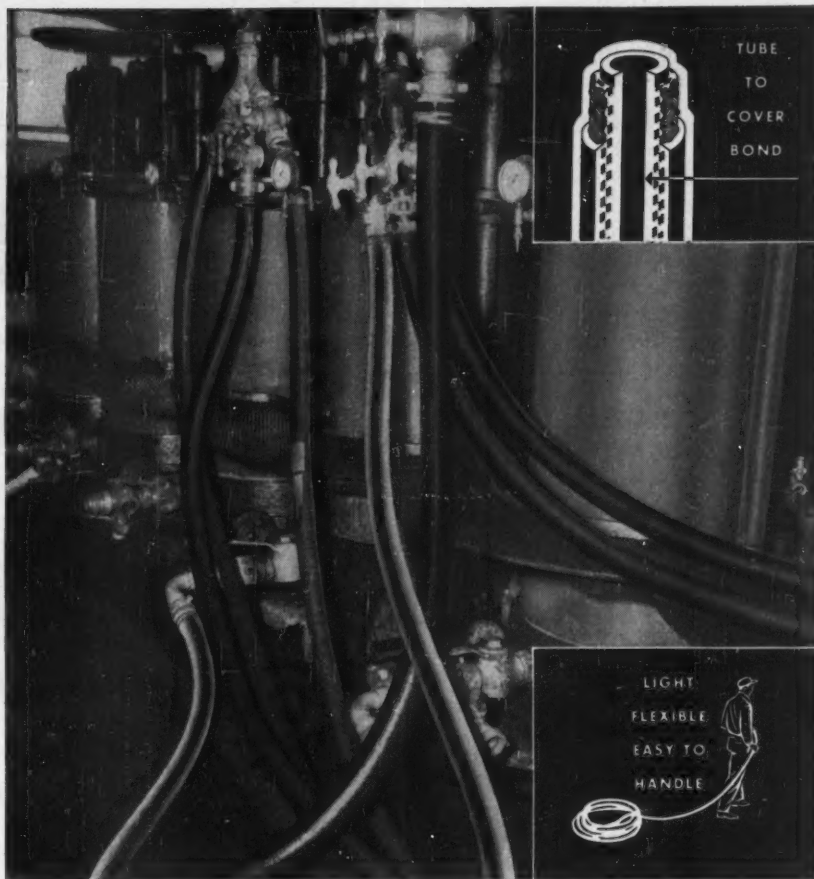
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are old and need much repair.

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► **Data Sources**—Calculating Russian production of anything is at best a tedious job, based mostly on government reports which are often simply rehashes of old releases, but which might have some grains of fact.

For instance, Russia's Ministry of the Chemical Industry reported recently that its production quota for the first half of 1954 was topped by 3%. Output gains cited over the like 1953 period were: caustic soda, 11%; soda ash, 12%; min-

eral fertilizers, 11%; agricultural poisons, 31%; synthetic dyes, 2%; synthetic rubber, 1%. Production of chemical equipment is said to have risen 15%.

As usual, no actual production figures were given. But it is known that all increases, except for fertilizers, were smaller than those claimed for the full year 1953 over 1952. Working back from such data, it's sometimes possible to calculate approximate output of some products.

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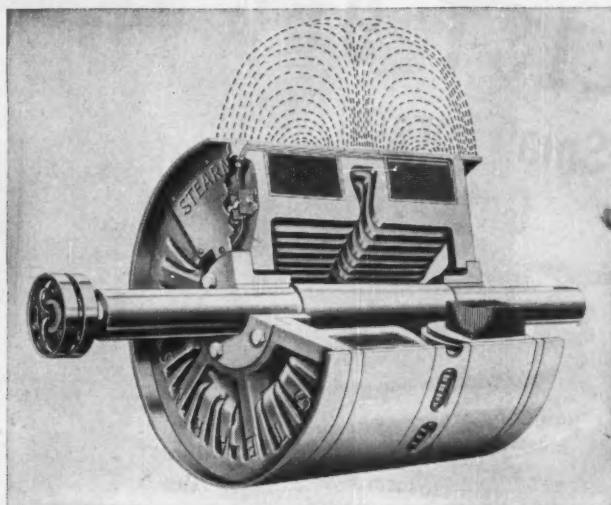
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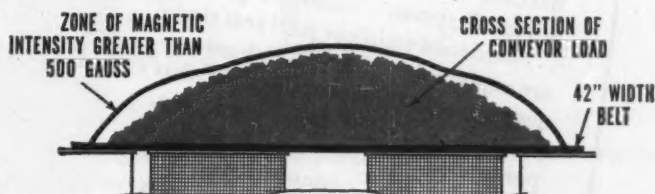


Diagram showing magnetic field for 2-coil, 36-in. dia., 42-in. wide pulley. Note how magnetic field blankets entire load.

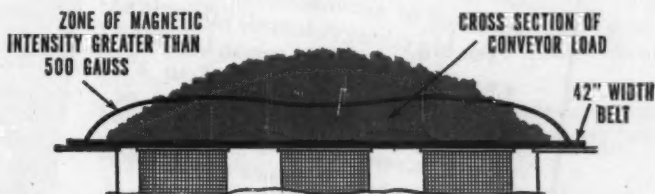


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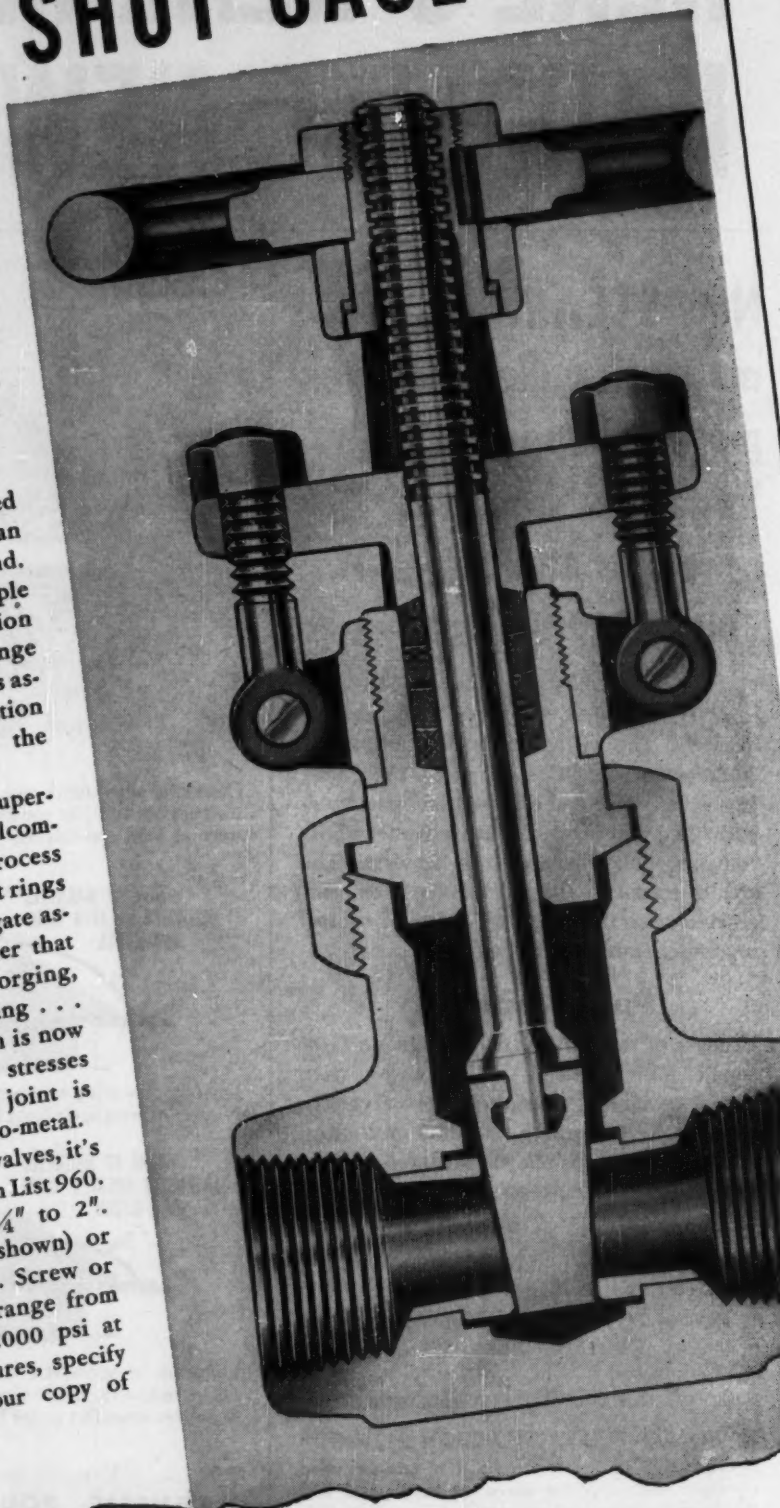
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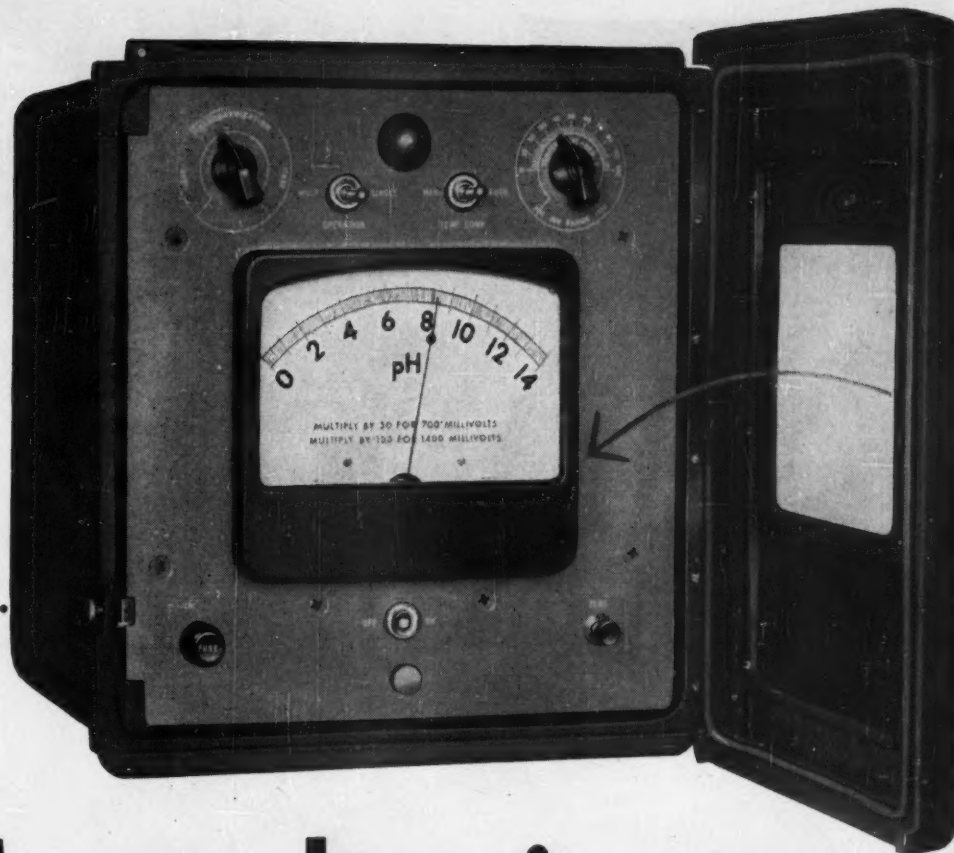
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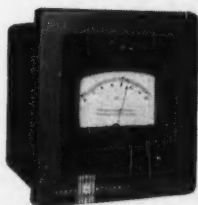
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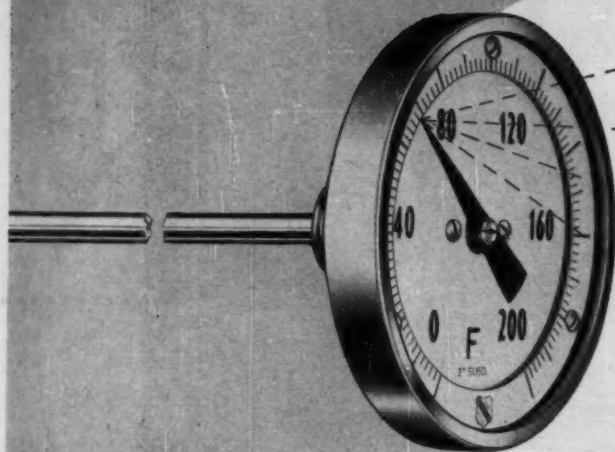
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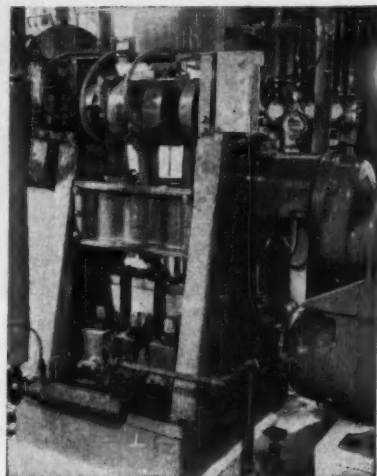
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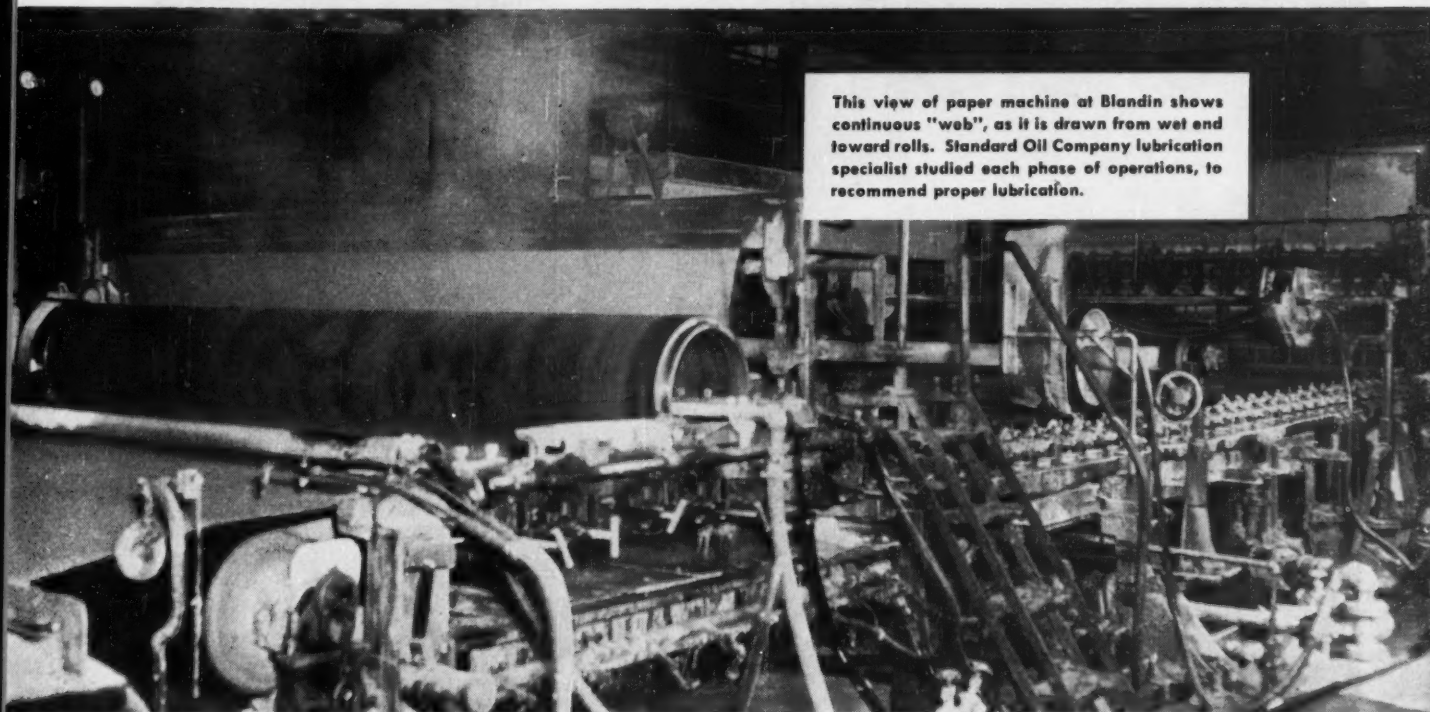
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STANOLITH Grease aided the solving of a rough lubrication problem at Blandin Paper Company in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

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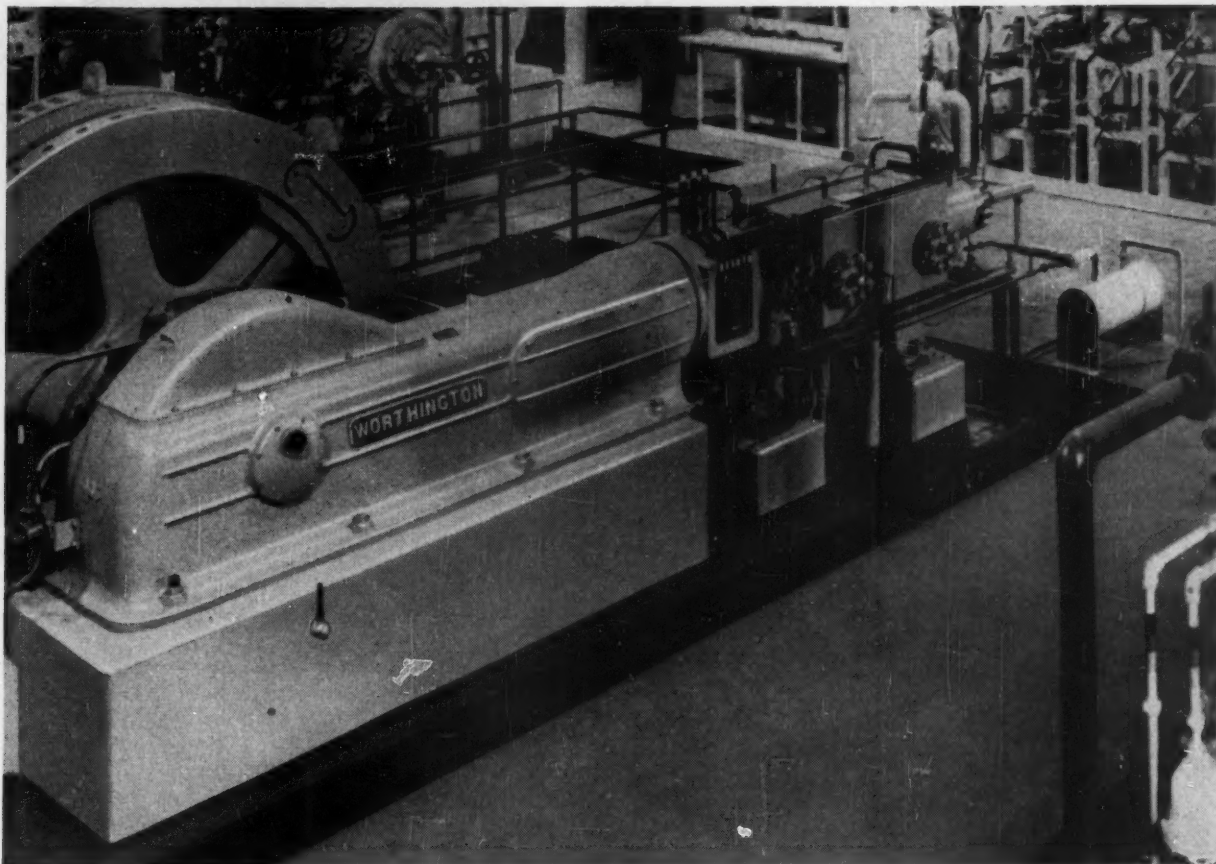
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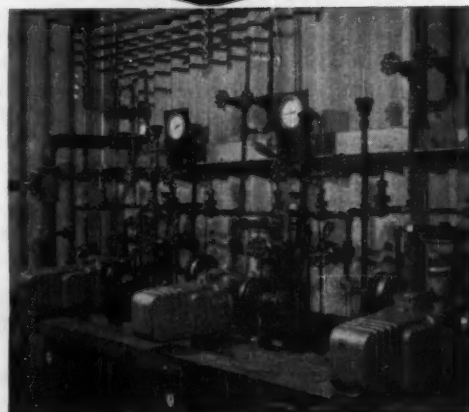


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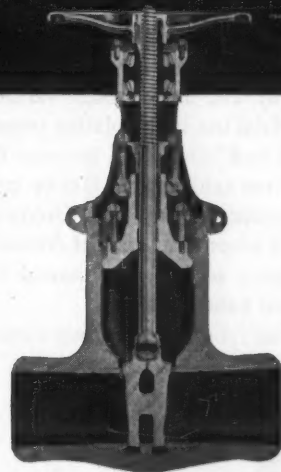
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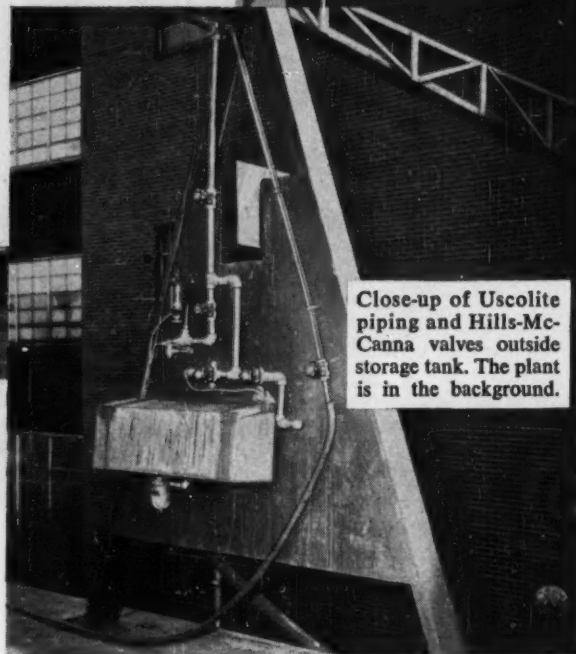
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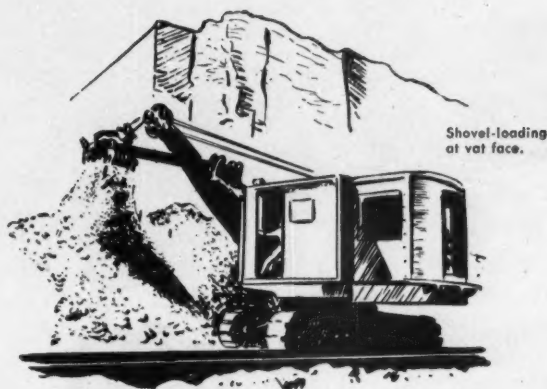


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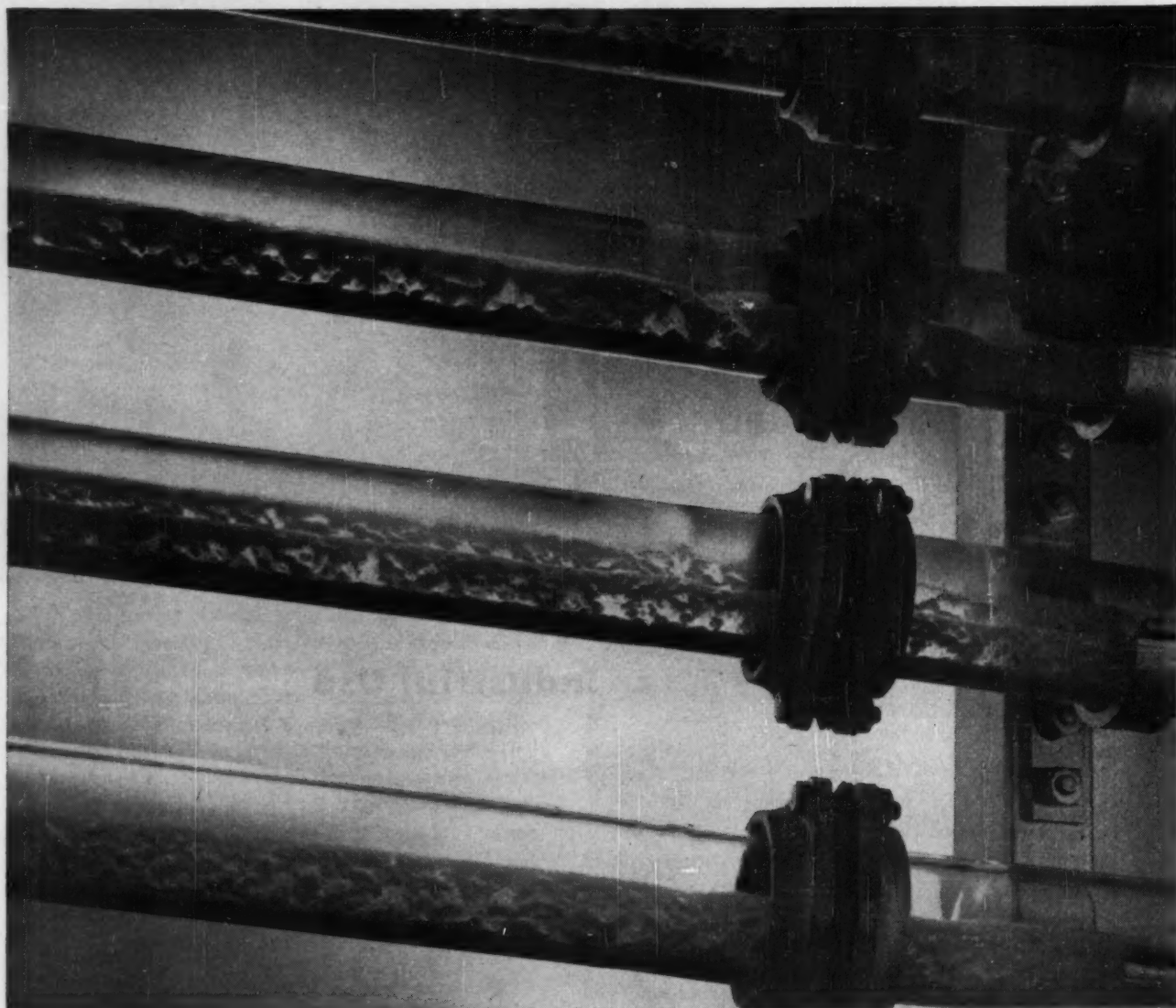
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2"	50 p.s.i.	200° F.	450° F.
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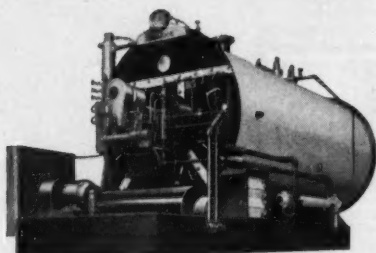
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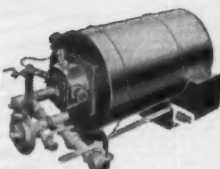
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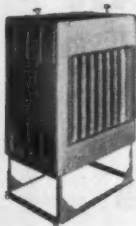
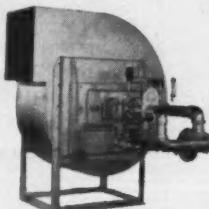
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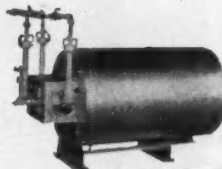


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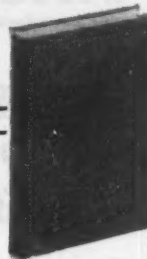


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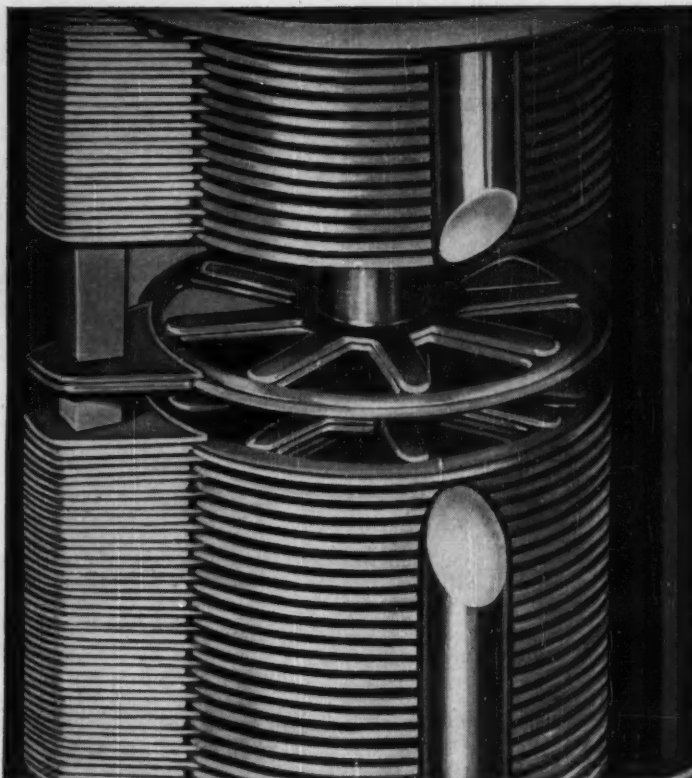
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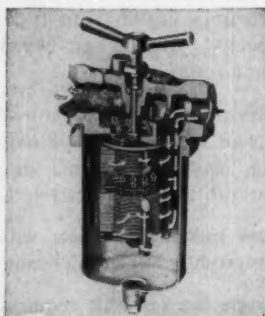
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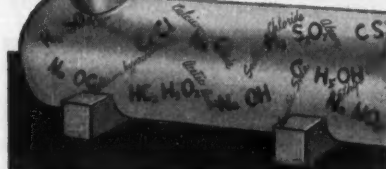
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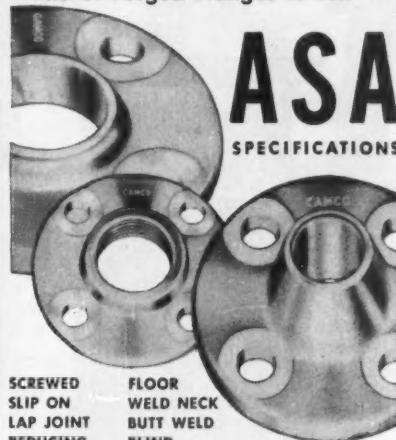


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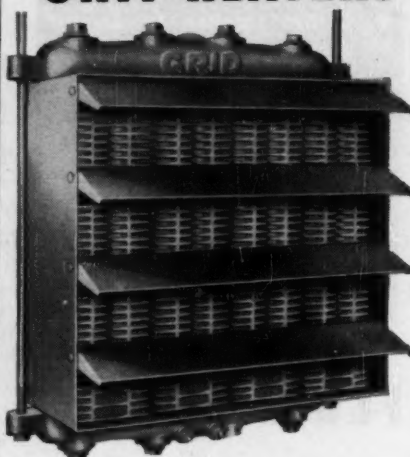
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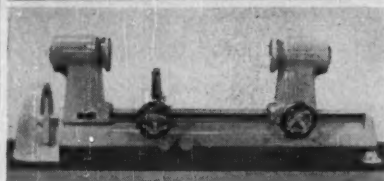
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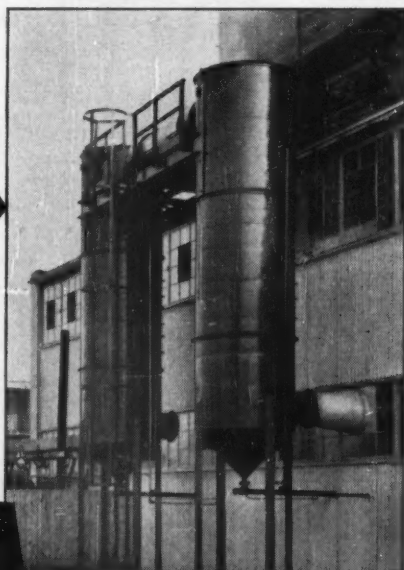
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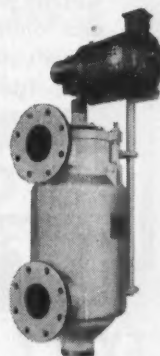


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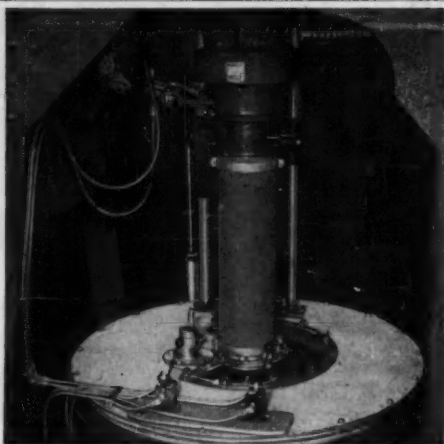
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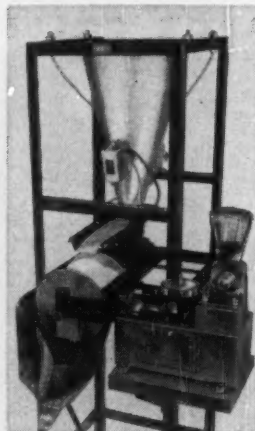
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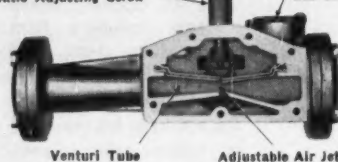
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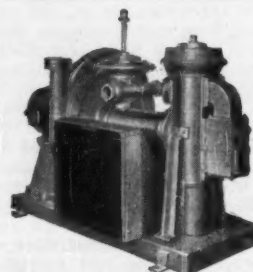
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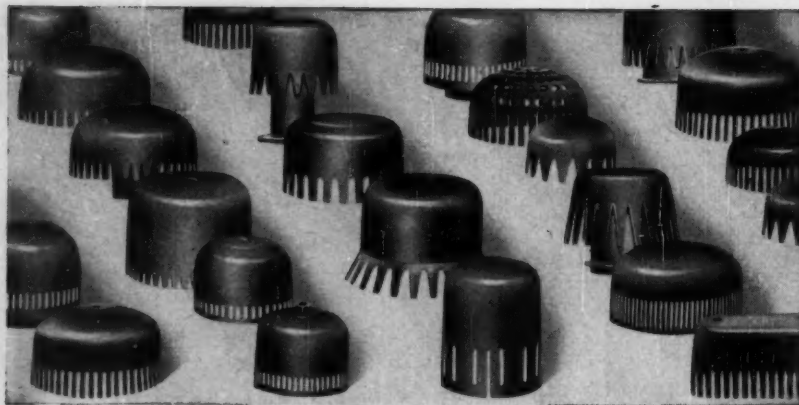
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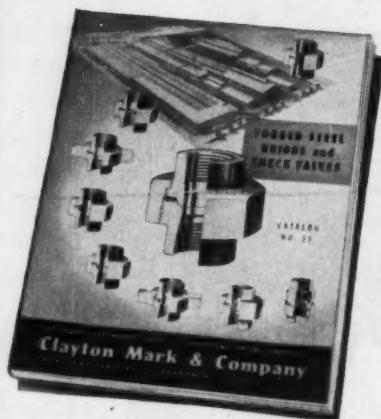


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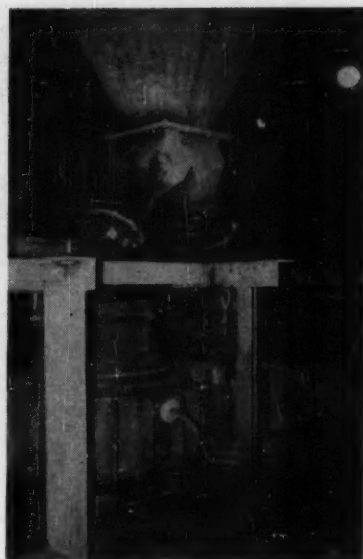
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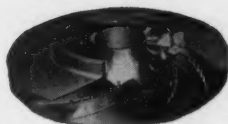
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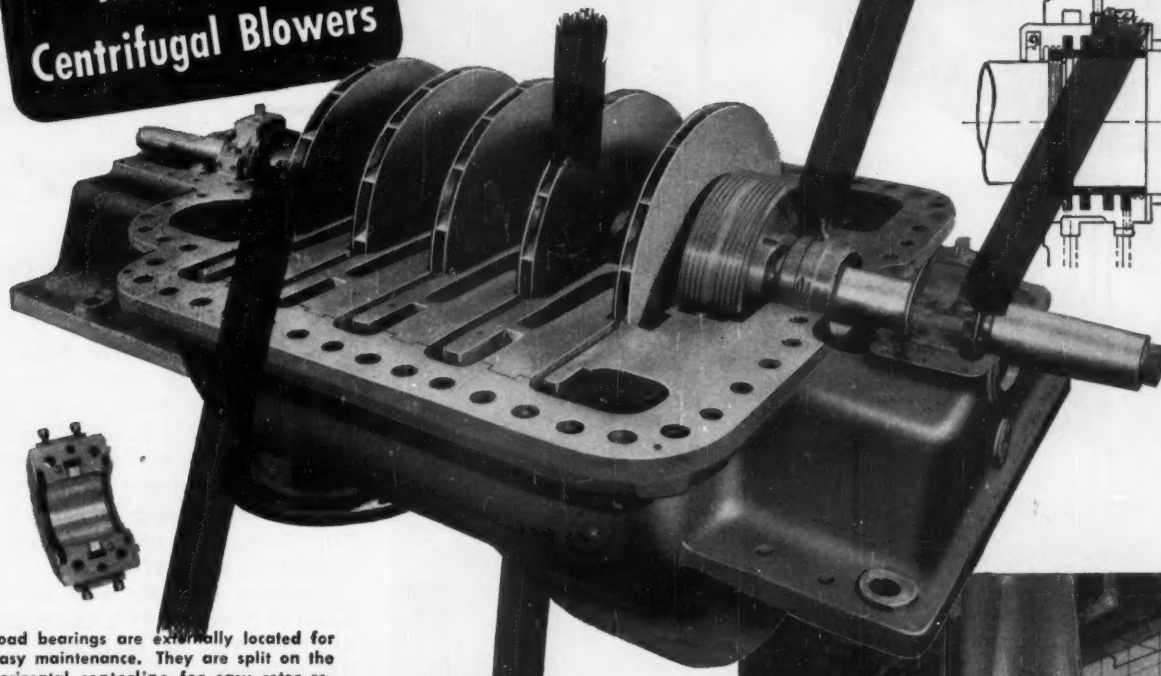
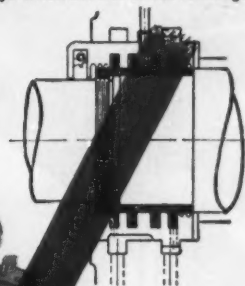
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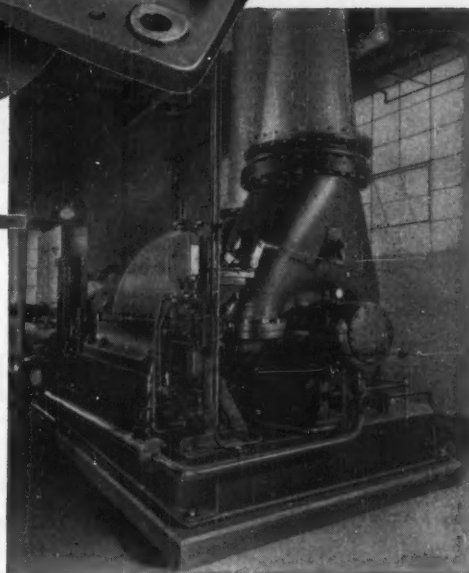
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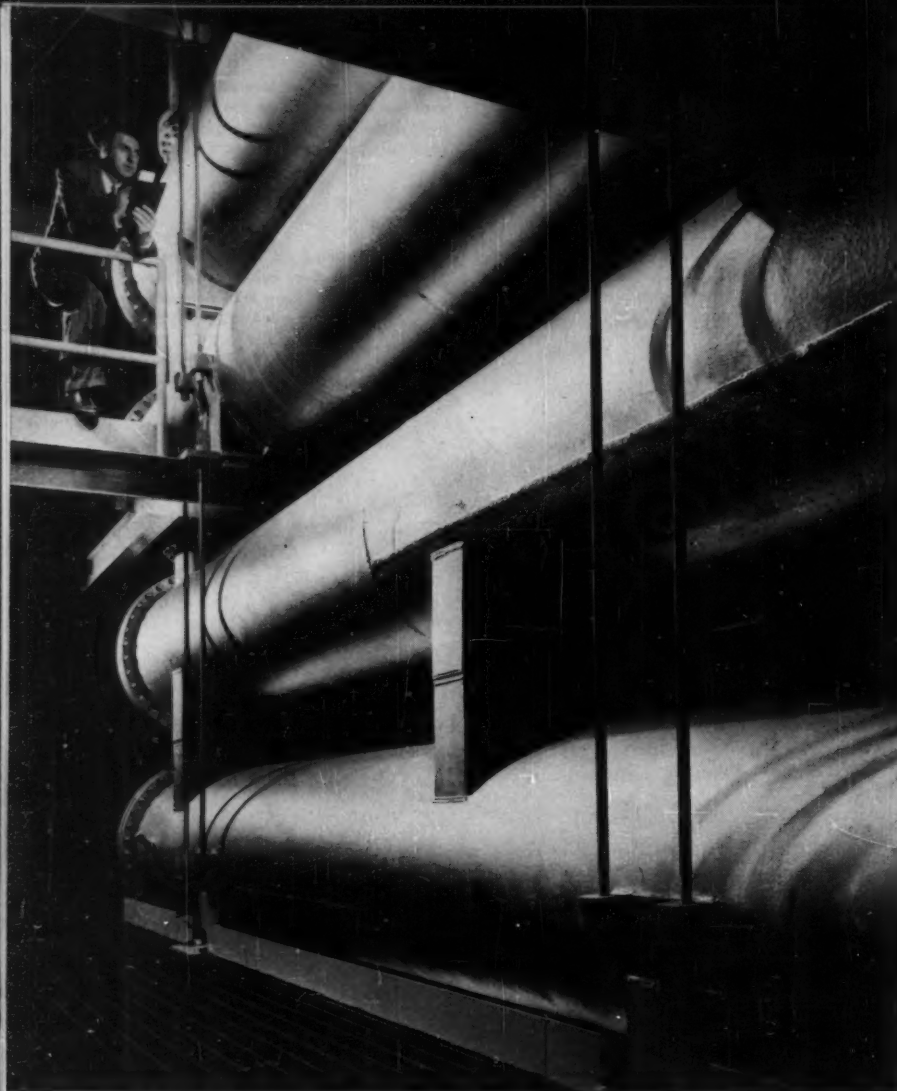
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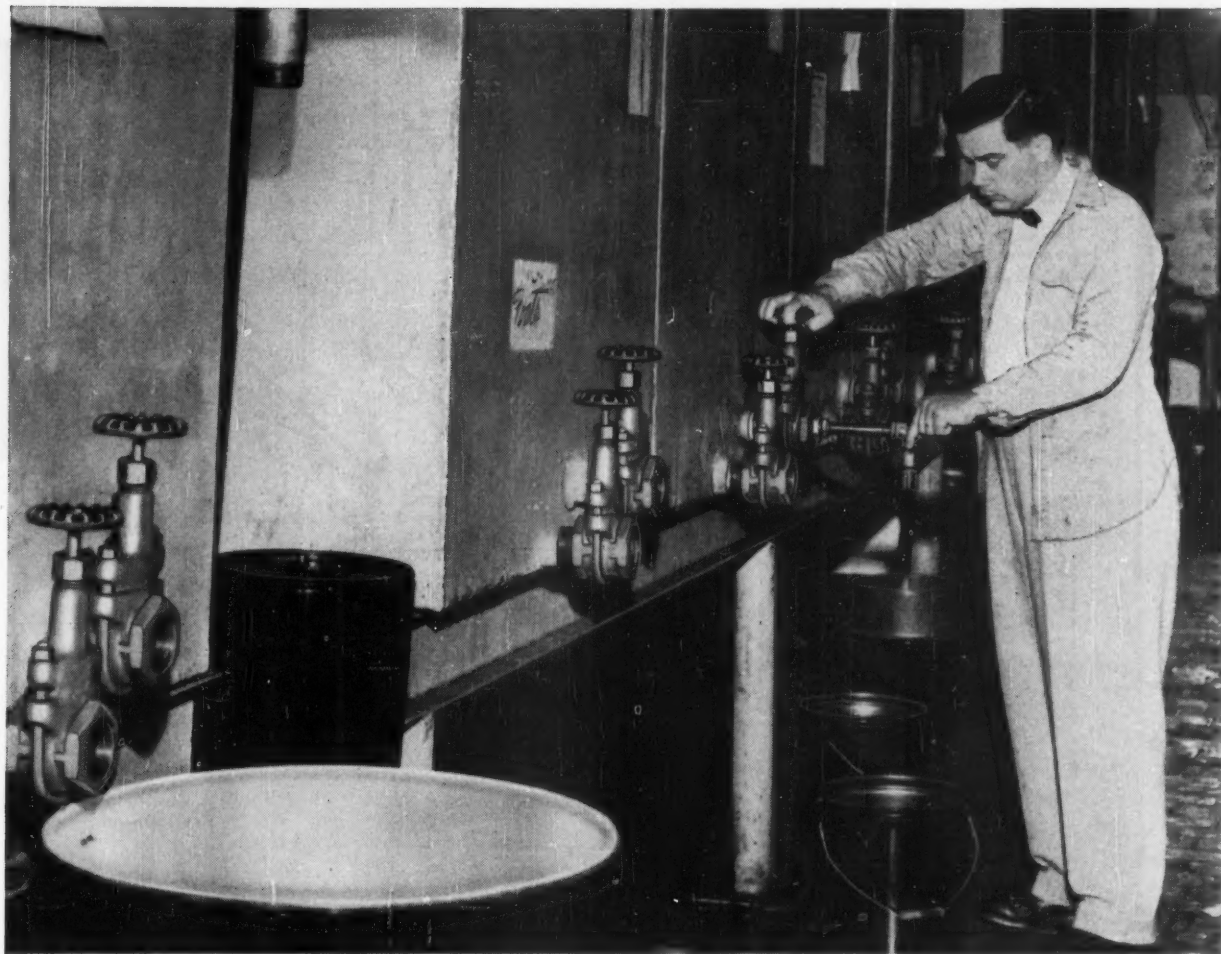
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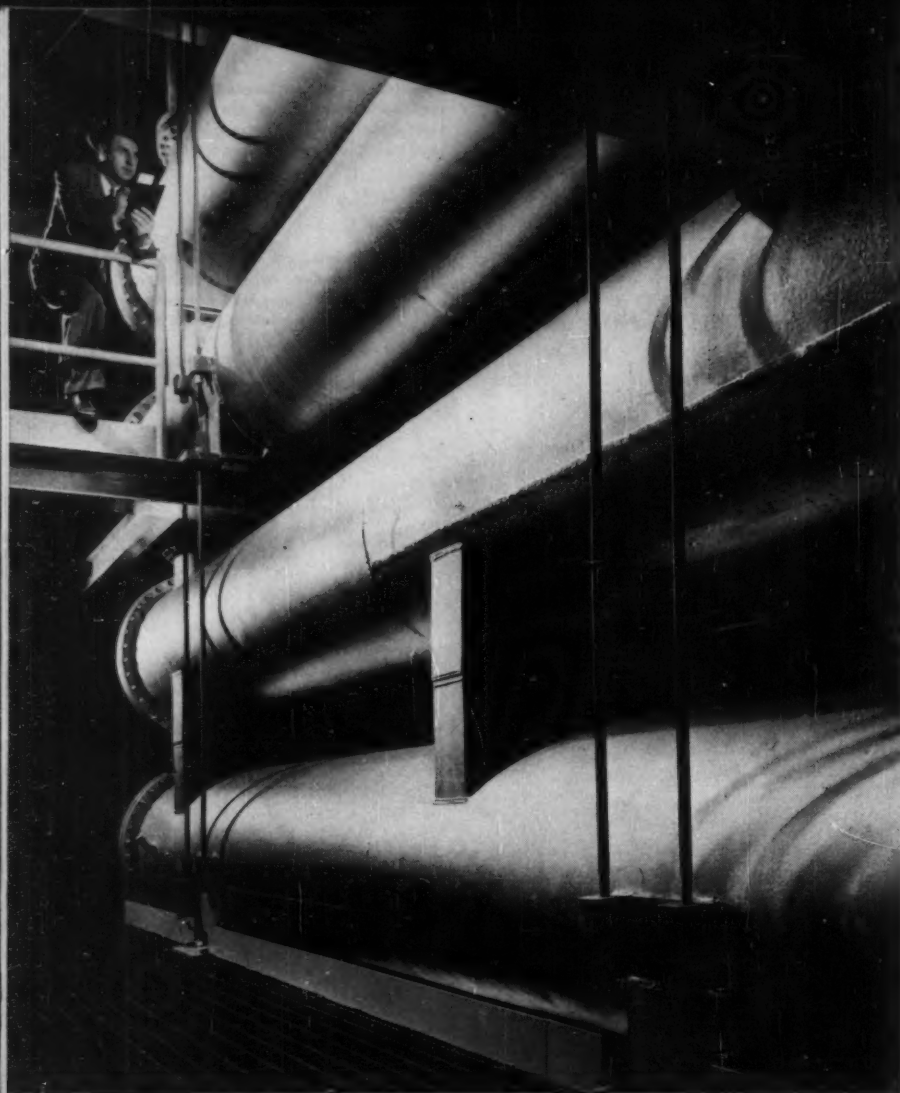
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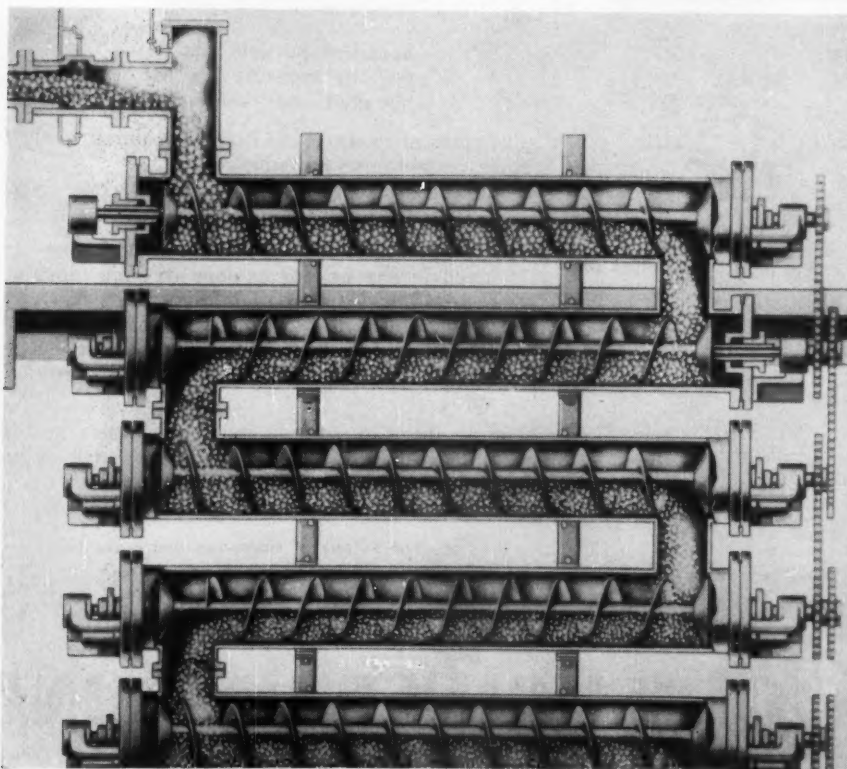
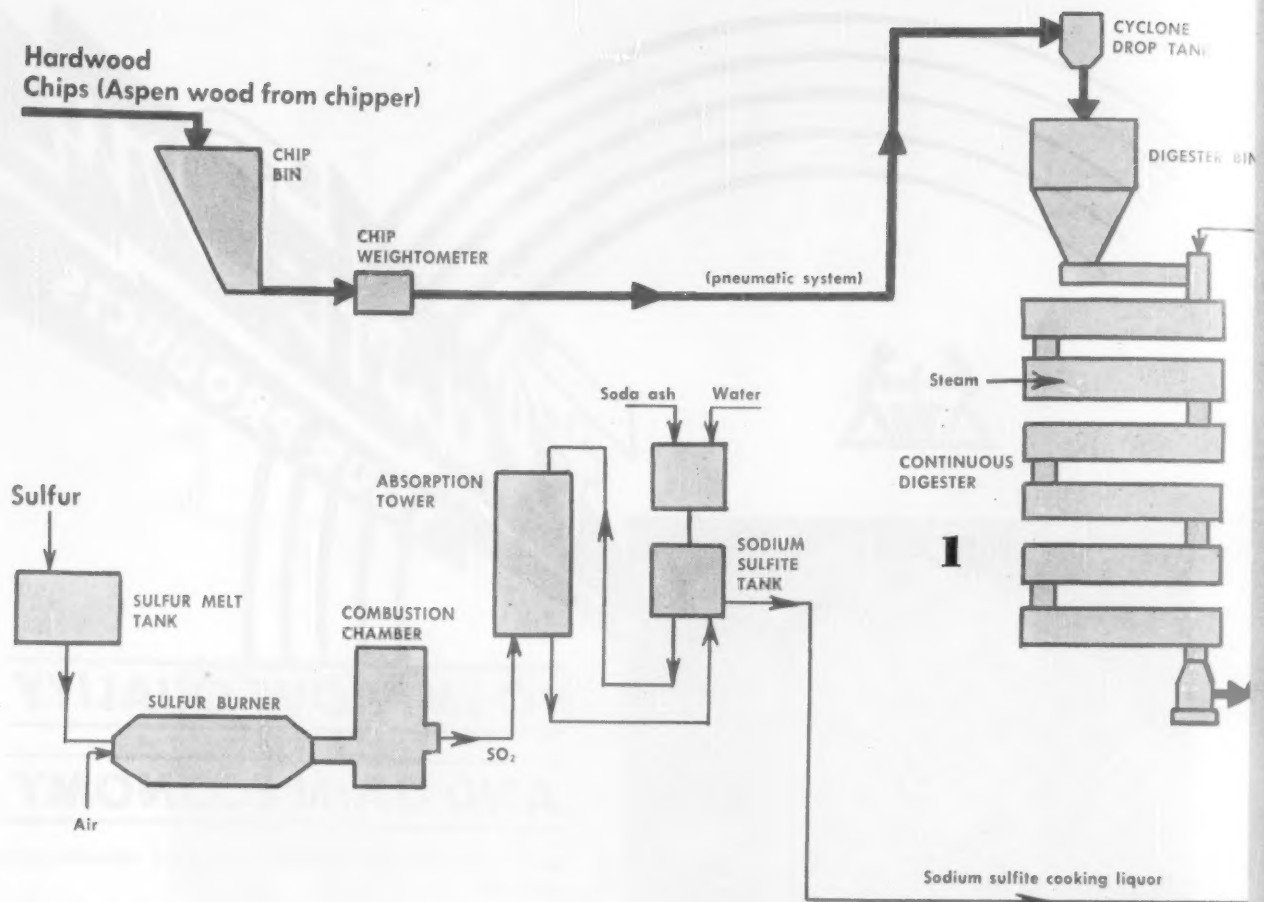
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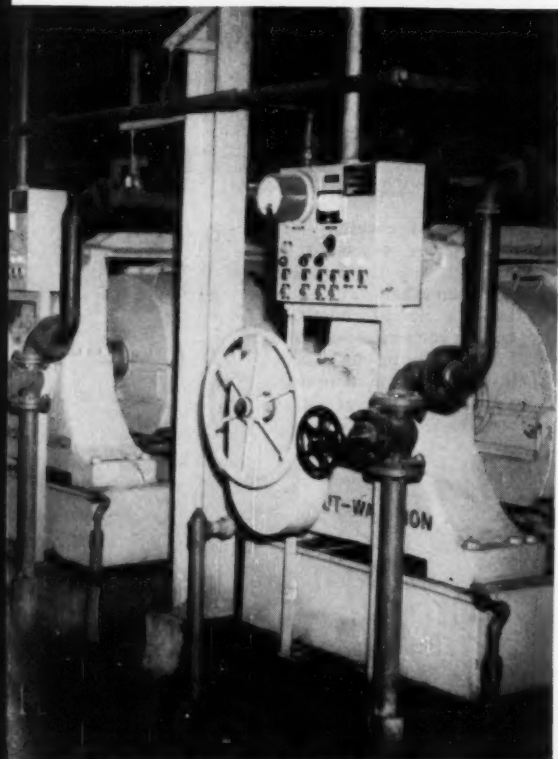
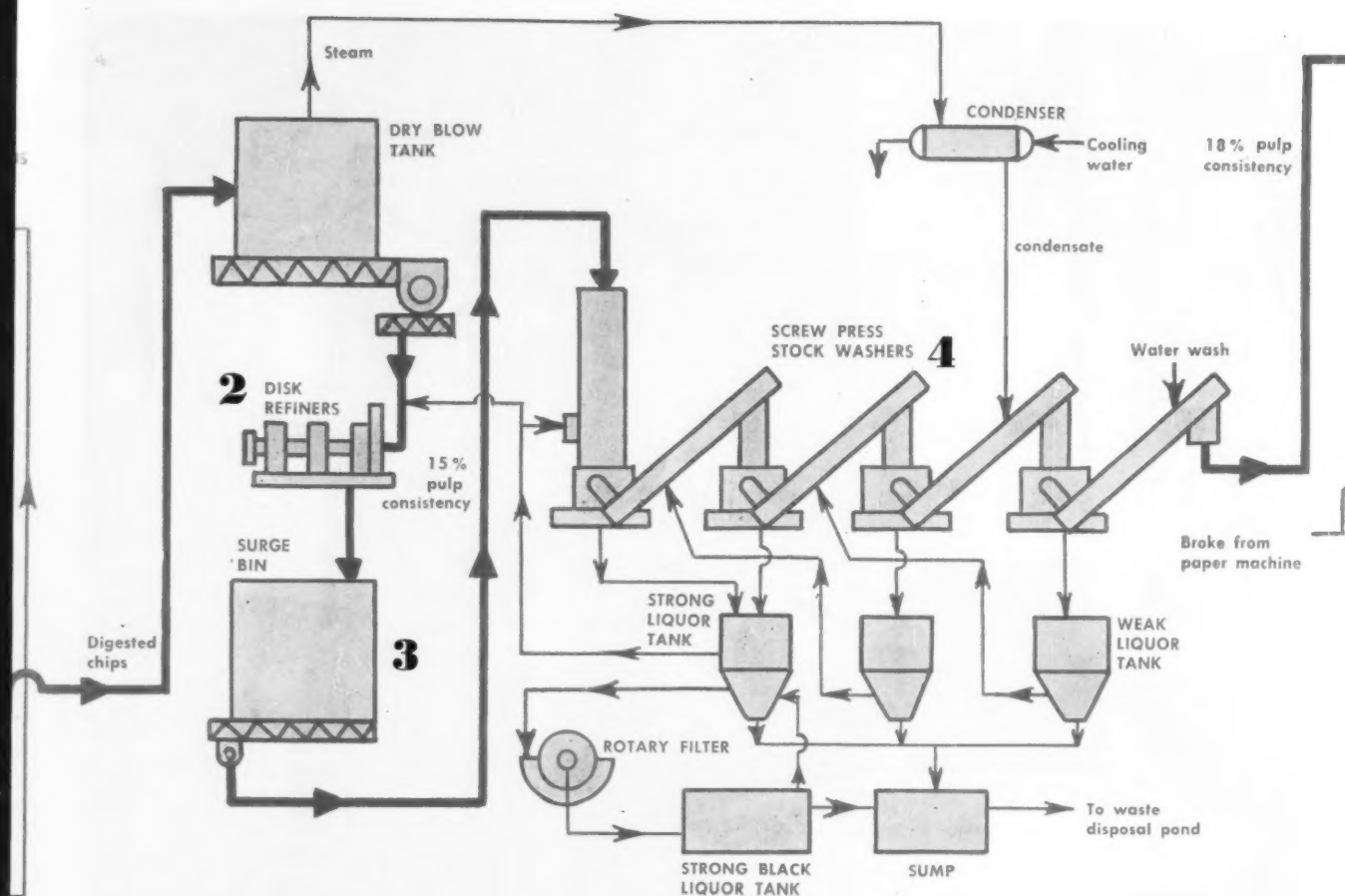


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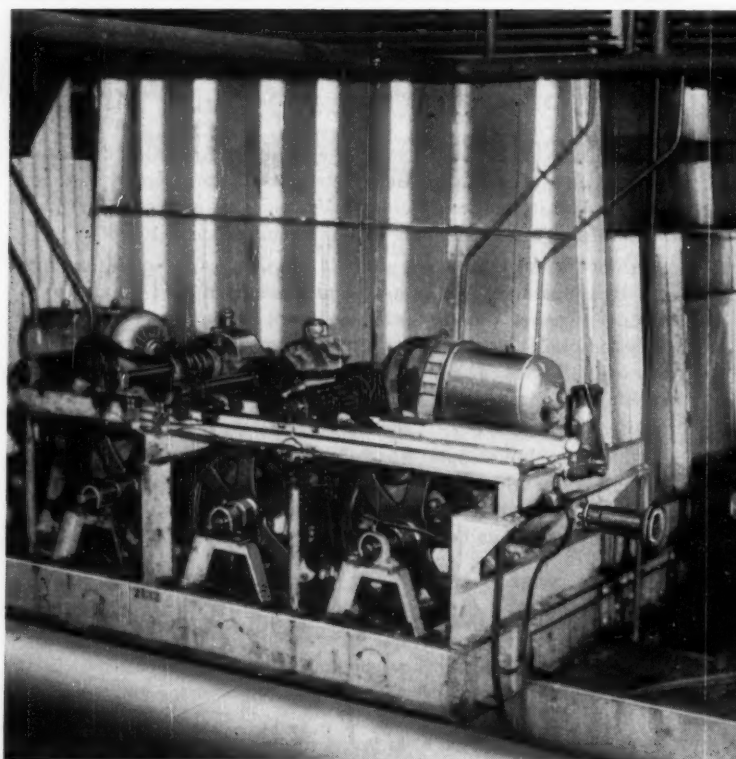


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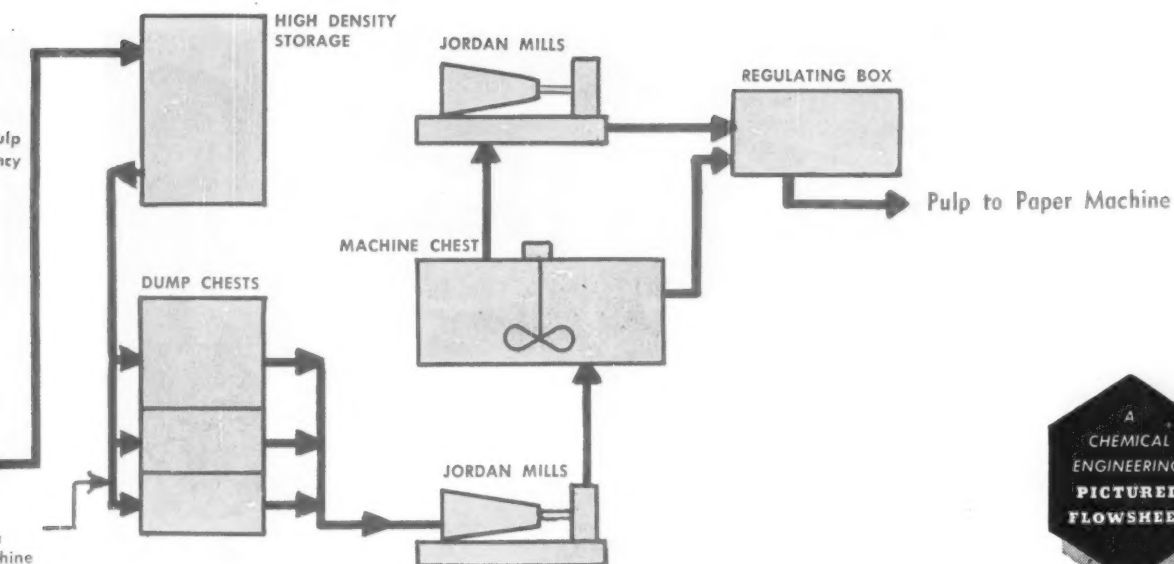




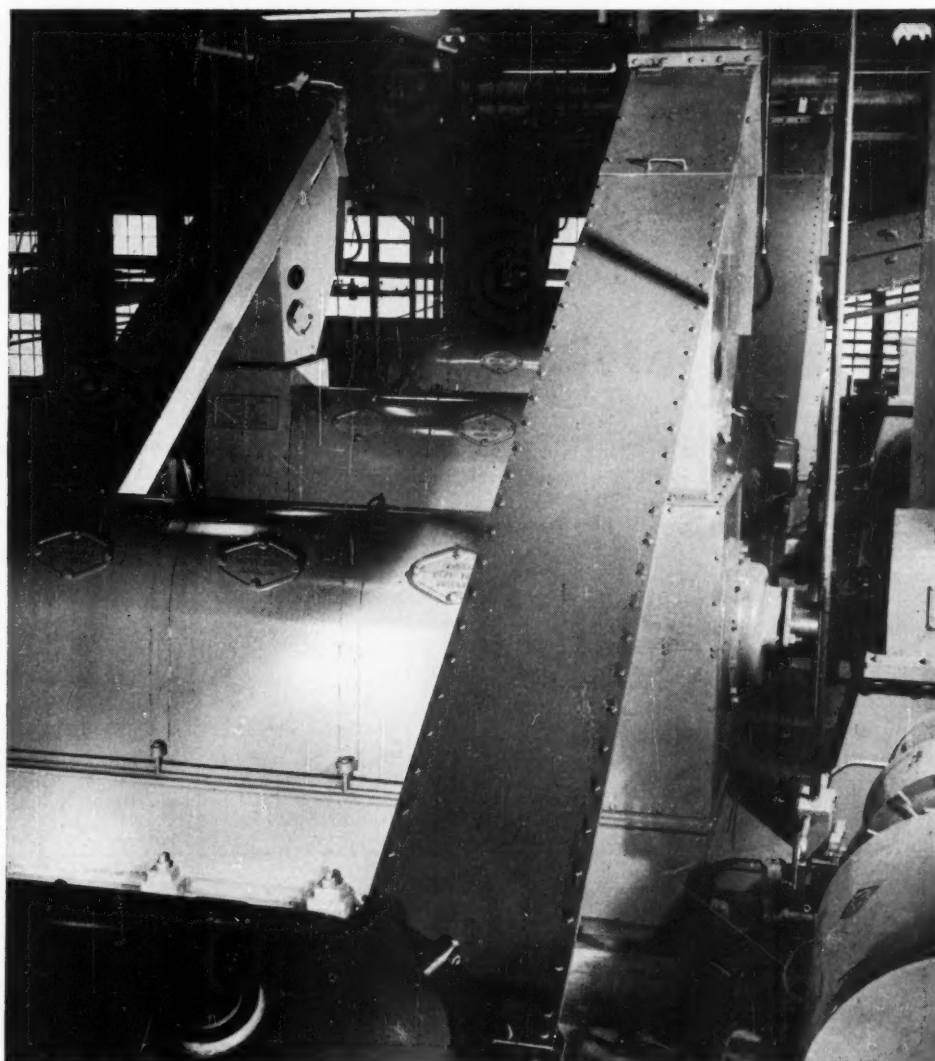
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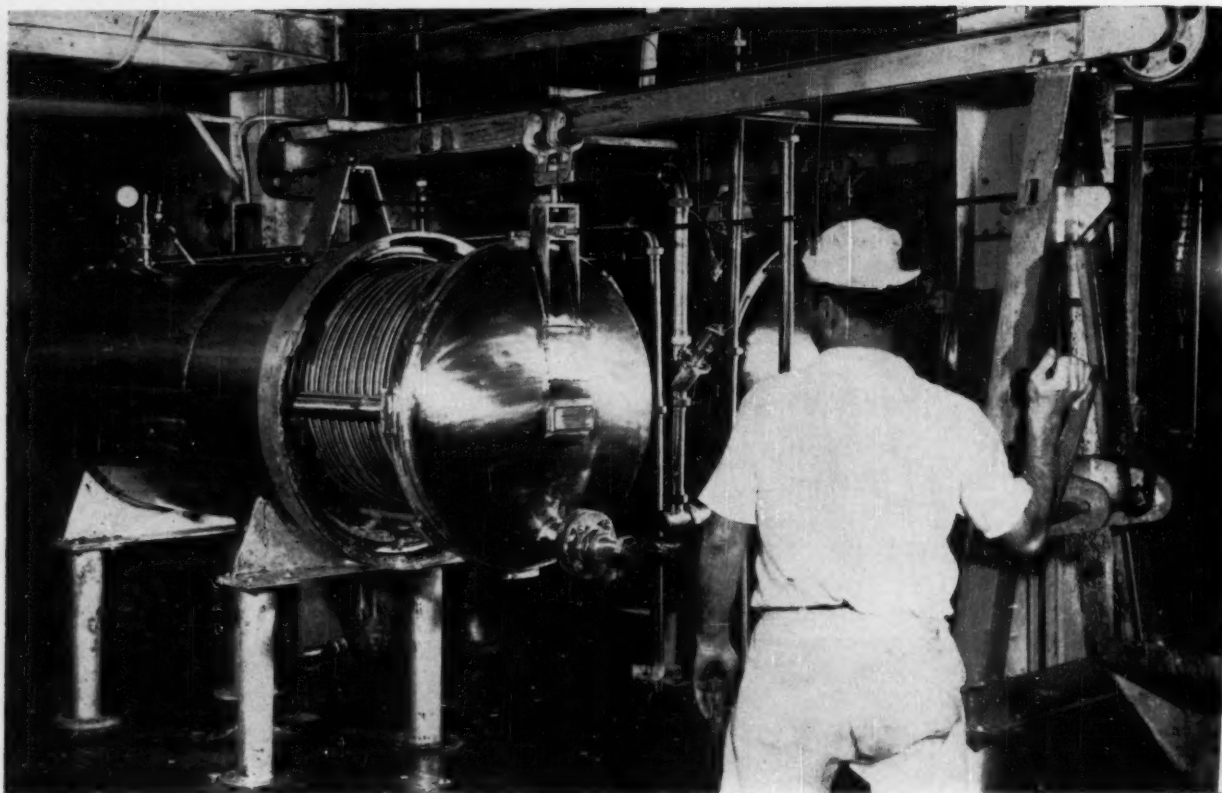
**3** SURGE BIN, showing the 12-screw conveyor live bottom. The screw conveys the 15% pulp to the four-stage screw press washers.



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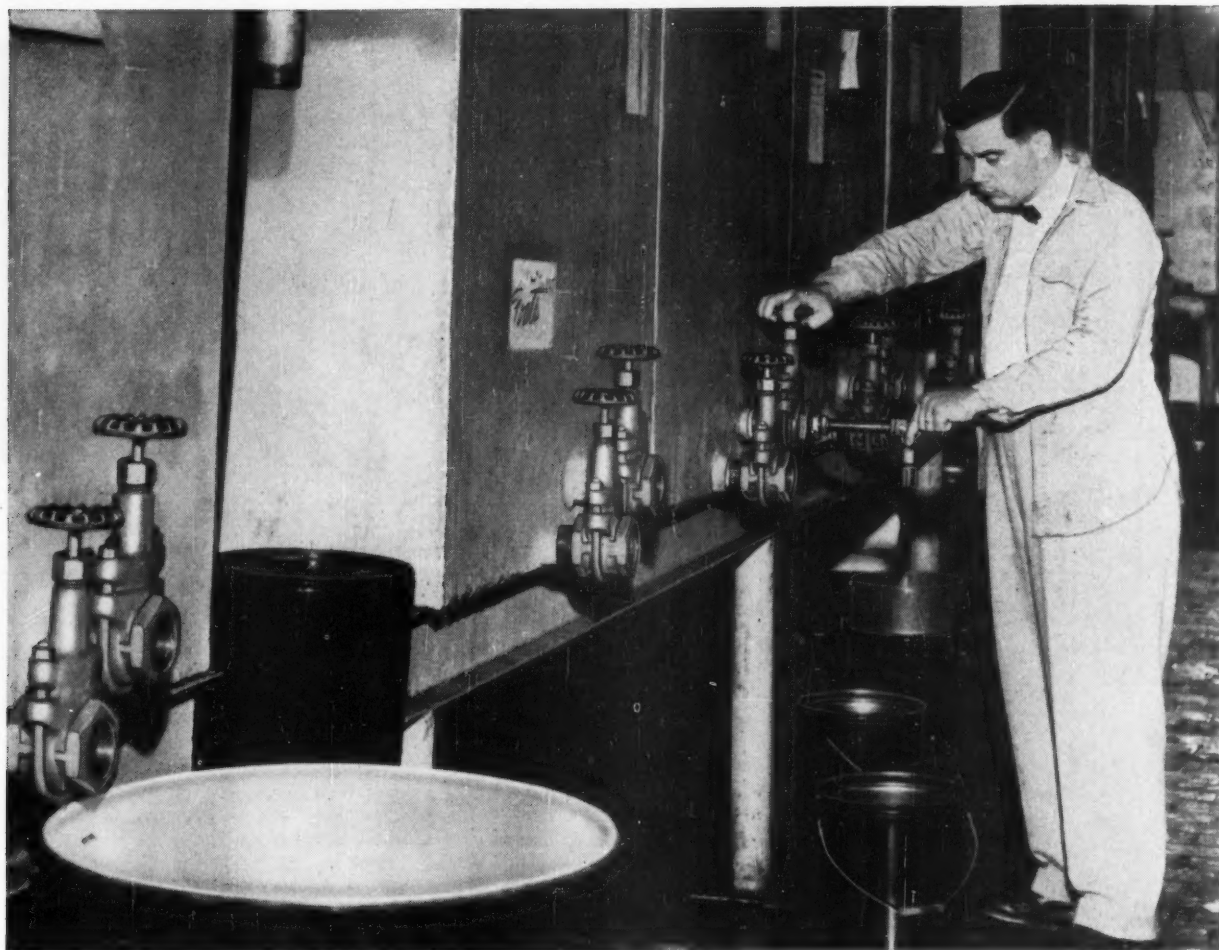
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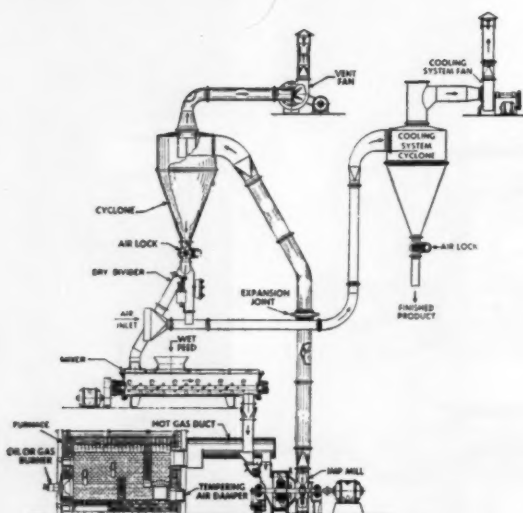
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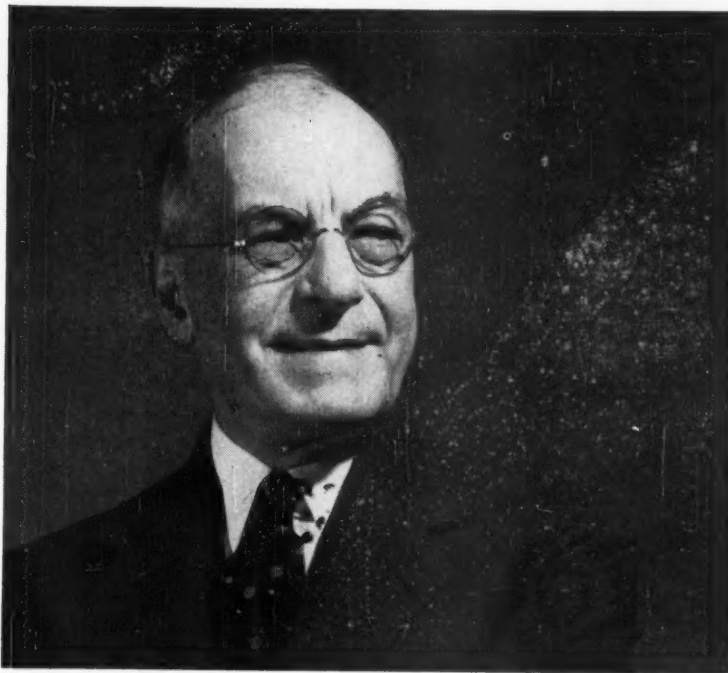
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## Roger Williams: Perkin Medalist

**Du Pont man honored for his outstanding contributions to industrial chemistry.**

This month, the 49th impression of the Perkin Medal, annual award of the American Section of the Society of the Chemical Industry, will be presented to Roger Williams of Du Pont.

Currently vice president and member of both the board of directors and the executive committee of Du Pont, Mr. Williams is being honored for a lifetime of notable accomplishments in many phases of applied chemistry. Included in these achievements are important contributions to the development of processes for synthetic ammonia, ethylene glycol, methanol, methyl methacrylate and to the war-time atomic energy program.

When Roger Williams first came to Du Pont in 1918, fresh from two years of graduate work at MIT,

his alma mater, and two years as a research chemist with Nitrogen Products Co., Du Pont was about to launch a post-war expansion and diversification program destined to change it from a relatively small, specialized manufacturer to the country's largest chemical company.

► **Start in Research**—In six years as a research chemist and research supervisor at Du Pont's Wilmington experimental station, Roger worked on a variety of research projects. Most important was a study of nitrogen fixation. Results of this study helped guide the company's decision to acquire rights to the Claude process for the direct synthesis of  $\text{NH}_3$  from its elements.

To exploit the Claude process, Lazote, Inc., was formed and Roger was made chemical director of the

new company. Almost immediately, he initiated research on the synthesis of methanol from CO and  $\text{H}_2$ . The project was so successful that manufacture of methanol was begun in 1926, only a few months after the first synthetic ammonia was produced.

► **On to High Pressures**—Close on the heels of this development came processes for the manufacture of higher alcohols (up to six carbon atoms), using the same raw materials and very much the same high pressure technique.

Other important research projects involving high pressure synthesis which were carried to successful conclusions under Mr. Williams aegis were: Non-catalytic synthesis of urea from ammonia and  $\text{CO}_2$ ; production of acetic and propionic acids from CO and methanol, and CO and ethanol, respectively; synthesis of ethylene glycol from intermediates derivable from coal.

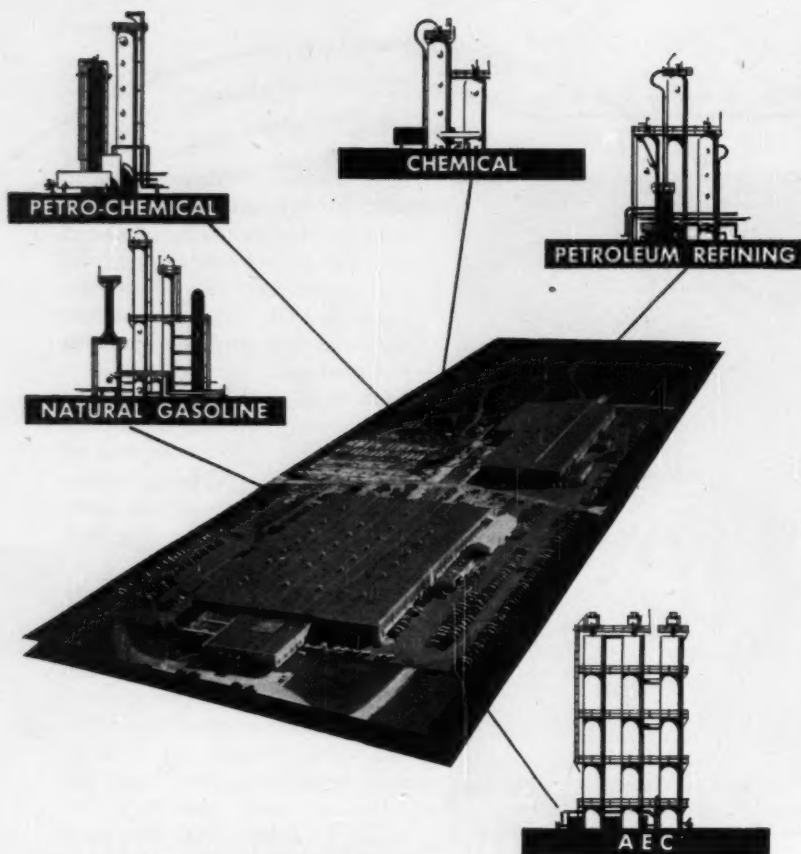
He also directed research on the synthesis of methyl methacrylate, and the development of a satisfactory process for making polyethylene as well as on processes for making nylon intermediates.

► **Built Plutonium Plant**—All this was but prelude to his biggest job. When Du Pont undertook to design and construct, without waiting for pilot plant results, and to operate the large plutonium plant at Hanford, Wash., for the government, Williams was given full responsibility for directing the program. For the substantial part which he played in this program, the government awarded him its Medal of Merit.

In 1945, following the successful completion of the atomic energy project, he was elected a vice president, director and member of the executive committee of the Du Pont Co. The positions he now holds.

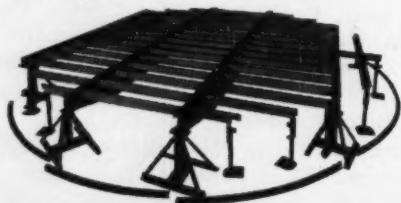
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This hard work, coupled with a near-legendary sincerity and modesty, has inspired the loyalty of a large group of Du Pont engineers—including some of the brightest names in the profession.

Along with the honors he has received and the respect he has gained, Mr. Williams has derived a great deal of personal satisfaction from the career of his son, Roger, Jr., who now heads his own consulting firm. He and his wife count among their most pleasant hours those spent with Roger, Jr., his wife and their two children.—HTS

**Ronald D. Gumbert**—Elected president and member of the board or directors, Alloy Precision Castings Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

**K. H. Rowland**—Assistant works manager of Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co., New York, N. Y.

**Hugh S. Ferguson**—Vice President of W. R. Grace & Co. Mr. Ferguson heads the Dewey and Almy Chemical Co. division of Grace.

**William E. Dugan, Jr.**—Senior assistant plant manager of the chlorine-caustic soda chlorinated methane operations, Solvay Process Division, Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., Moundsville, W. Va. **Raymond C. Baxter** succeeds Mr. Dugan as assistant chief engineer of the division.

**Jean R. Okel**—Manager of project evaluation for the development department of Monsanto Chemical Co.'s research and engineering division.

**Bradlee V. B. Postell**—Assistant to Howard I. Cramer, vice president, development, Sharples Chemicals Inc.



**William T. Nichols**

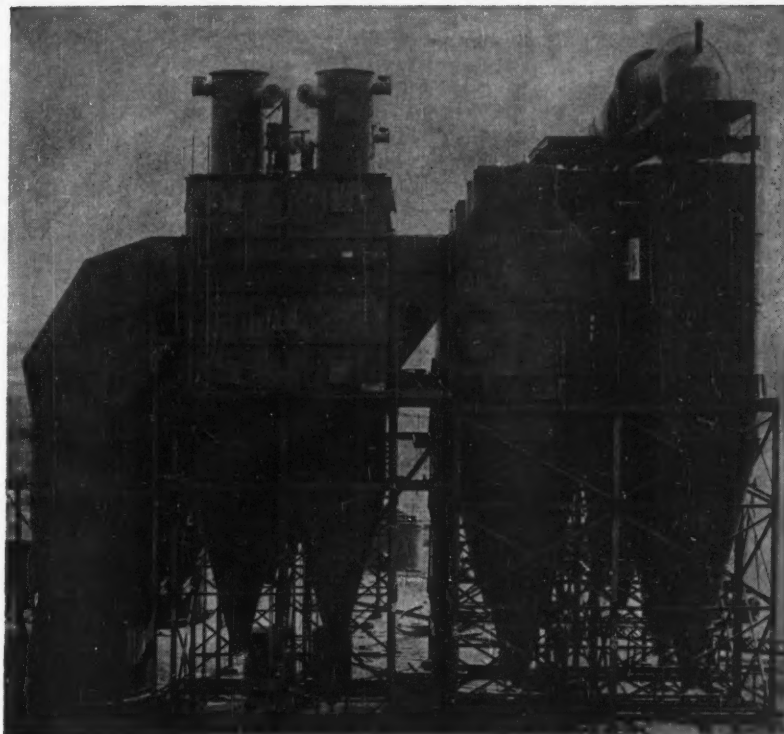
Mr. Nichols, a past president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, has joined Arthur D. Little, Inc. as a senior staff member. He has previously been associated with the Monsanto Chemical Co. (as director of general engineering department and later, assistant to the vice president for research and engineering) and the Westvaco Chemical Corp.

**Linus Pauling**—Awarded 1954 Nobel prize for chemistry. Dr. Pauling is chairman of the division of chemistry and chemical engineering at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif.

**Thomas F. Edson**—Promoted to the newly-created post of vice president in charge of special engineering projects, American Potash & Chemical Corp. **Richard J. Hefler**, company secretary, goes into the new position of presidential assistant while **Joseph C. Schumacher** becomes director of research.

**H. B. Peters**—Chief engineer, refining department, The Texas Co., succeeding **David W. Carswell** who has retired after 37 years with Texaco.

**John A. Quinn**—First-prize winner of the 1954 student contest sponsored by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Mr. Quinn is now a graduate research assistant at Princeton University. **John W. Klar**, Purdue graduate



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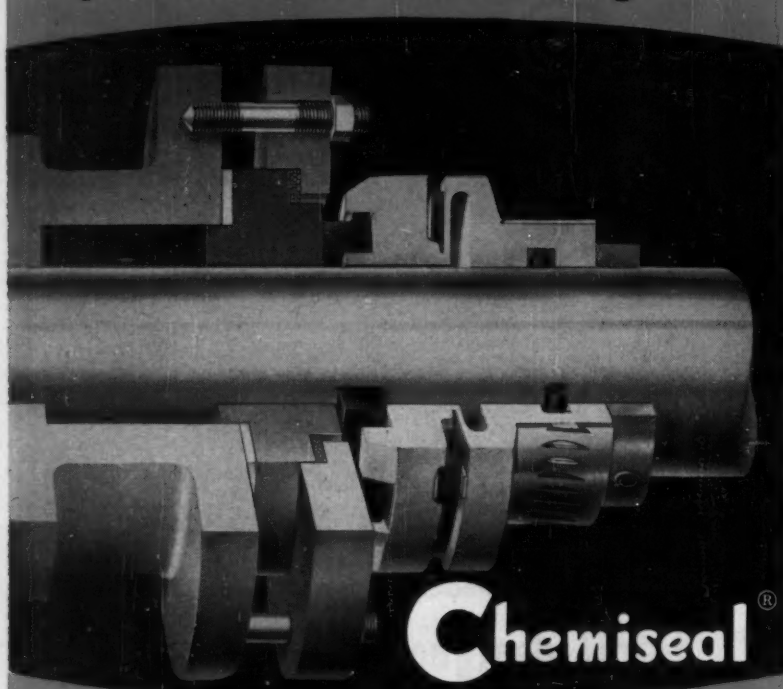
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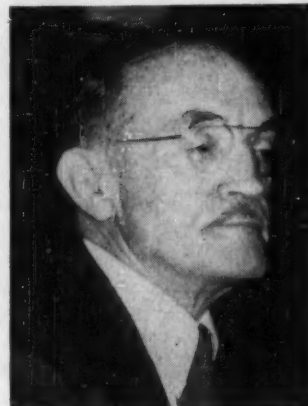
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### NAMES . . .

school, was second-prize winner. Robert B. Grady, of the University of Minnesota, won third prize.

Fred C. T. Daniels—Retired November 1 as vice president of research and development for Mackintosh-Hemphill Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.



Gustav Egloff

Dr. Egloff, director of research and development for Universal Oil Products Co., was awarded the Carl Engler Medal at Essen, Germany, on October 7. The award was presented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft Fur Mineralolwissenschaft Und Kohlechemie E. V. (German Society for Mineral Oil Science and Coal Chemistry) in recognition of Dr. Egloff's outstanding contributions to the science and technology of oil refining. It was the first time the award was bestowed upon a foreigner.

L. G. Immonen—Plant manager of Western Electrochemical Co., Henderson, Nev., formerly with Kennecott Copper Corp. at McGill.

Alfred F. Fields—Retired after 42 years with General Electric Co., Pittsfield, Mass. Mr. Fields was a pioneer in plastics manufacturing.

G. D. Butterworth—Head engineer, project engineering, in Standard Oil Co.'s general engineering department, recently established in Whiting, Ind.





Robert H. Dodd

**Robert H. Dodd**  
Dr. Dodd, designer and builder of oil refineries throughout the world, has been appointed head of chemical engineering at the Oklahoma Institute of Technology, A. & M.'s engineering school. Prior to his appointment at A. & M., he was associated with Shell Oil Co., Standard Oil Development Co., Gulf Oil Corp. and—most recently—with The Lummus Co.

**Elmer H. Weaver**—Vice president of Union Oil Co. of California, Los Angeles, Calif.

**George R. Keenan**—Staff engineer, General Foods' central laboratories, Hoboken, N. J.

**Alex G. Oblad**—Chairman-elect of the Petroleum Chemical Division, American Chemical Society. Dr. Oblad is associate manager of the research and development division, Houdry Process Corp., Marcus Hook, Pa.

**Charles B. Henderson**—Staff member, engineering division, Atlantic Research Corp., Alexandria, Va. Mr. Henderson will work on solid propellant combustion projects.

**H. E. Hughes**—Appointed to new post of assistant superintendent-technical, Shell Chemical Corp.'s Houston, Tex. plant.

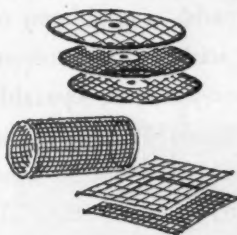
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Joseph R. Mares

After completing 25 years of service with Monsanto Chemical Co., Joseph R. Mares of Dickinson, Texas, has launched an industrial chemical consulting practice specializing in petrochemicals and allied products. The former vice president and general manager of Monsanto's Texas City operations was director of the patent and development department at the company's headquarters in St. Louis before moving to Texas in 1947.

**Paul A. Manor**—Chief engineer of Rockwell Manufacturing Co.'s lubricated plug valve plant at Barberton, Ohio.

**John H. Gifford**—Technical director, carbon black division, Witco-Continental, Akron, Ohio.

**Robert D. Rice**—Manager of chemical engineering, Pittsburgh Coke & Chemical Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

**E. Allan Morrow** — President of Roosevelt Oil & Refining Corp., succeeding John E. Boudler, who resigned.

**Norman H. Parker**—Manager of engineering for the Turbo-Mixer Division of General American Transportation Corp., New York, N. Y.

**J. H. Salter**—General superintendent of the fertilizer division of Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. at Trail, B. C., Canada.

**J. W. Healy**—Assistant superintendent, Standard Oil Co.'s research department laboratory at Wood River, Ill. **R. J. Baechle** and **W. P. Thomson** have been appointed group leaders at the laboratory.

#### OBITUARIES

**William R. Lawrence**, sales engineer with Oliver United Filters Inc., died September 11 at his home in Riverdale, N. Y. Mr. Lawrence specialized in the pulp and paper manufacturing field.

**Jesse B. Turner**, plant superintendent of Atlas Powder Co.'s Giant (Calif.) plant until his retirement in 1949, died October 12 at the age of 70.

**Swain J. Swainson**, for many years director of American Cyanamid Co.'s mineral dressing laboratories at Stamford, Conn., died October 22 at Southold, L. I., after a prolonged illness.

**Paul E. Hurley**, 53, manager of Shell Oil Co.'s Houston, Tex. refinery, died of a heart attack on October 26 in New Orleans, La.

**Dan McAfee**, executive vice president of the Provident Loan Society of N. Y., died suddenly on October 28. Before joining Provident Loan in 1943, Mr. McAfee had been with the Dorr Co. for 27 years.

**Logan H. Leggett**, engineer for Humble Oil and Refining Co. in Houston, Tex., died of an accidental shotgun wound on November 3. Mr. Leggett was 39 years old.

**Edgar S. Browning**, 63, founder and president of E. S. Browning Co., San Francisco, chemical distributors, died November 10 at his Piedmont home.



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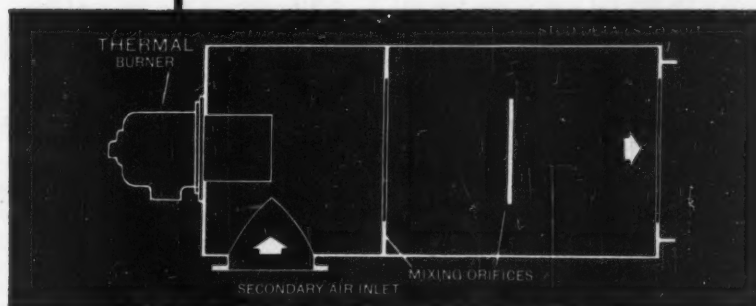
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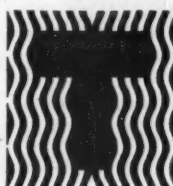
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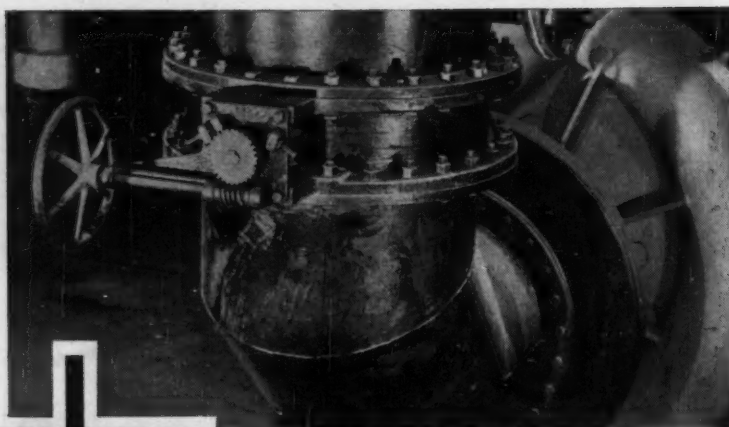
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## THIS MONTH'S

## Letters:

### Inventory Issue: Mostly Pro

Sir:

I have just received and studied the First Annual Inventory issue of *Chemical Engineering*. This will be of great value to the chemical industry, and I am delighted to see McGraw-Hill make such a publication.

EDWIN COX

Vice President  
Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.  
Richmond, Va.

► CE's 1st Annual Inventory Issue, published in mid-October, has been received with a great deal of interest and comment. The above letter, and the three that follow, are typical of the reactions to this publishing innovation. — Ed.

Sir:

Your Inventory Issue is a fine service to your readers . . . in both contents and format. As an engineer who deals constantly with equipment, I was particularly grateful for the section that summarizes equipment developments. I expect to use it often, and for many years. . . .

WM. B. FRANKLIN

Shell Oil Co.  
Houston, Texas

► This 69-page section on equipment and accessories digests some 570 major developments of interest to chemical engineers that were announced during the period July 1953-June 1954. — Ed.

Sir:

Congratulations on the thoroughness of your Inventory Issue, which I have carefully studied. It is a useful job . . . and my only criticism in this respect is that it could have been made even more useful if you had given literature references in the section covering New Processes and Technology.

HOWARD WELLS

Chemical Engineer  
E. I. du Pont de Nemours &  
Co., Inc.  
Wilmington, Del.

► We considered literature references for this section, decided against them

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when we realized that most of the references (close to 70%) would be to brief news announcements only. In other words, most of the developments are so recent that technical details have not yet been published. — Ed.

Sir:

I'm delighted to see CE's Inventory Issue and the comprehensive, yet useable, way it has digested important developments in the various fields. Only a person who has tried to do such a job (as I have, to a small extent) can appreciate the time and effort it involves. . . . I hope you will make your Inventory an annual event?

J. A. CARPENTER, JR.  
Standard Oil Development Co.  
Elizabeth, N. J.

► Yes, our Inventory Issue will be on an annual basis. We've already started work on the 1955 issue. — Ed.

### Not a Matter of Morals

Sir:

Are we engineers different from common people or are we more moral?

Any non-technical magazine advertises with the help of pretty girls and Bikini micro-bathing suits. Why shouldn't you advertise in the same way?

Of course there are a few exceptions, like every month's Gelb girl and few others . . . with too much clothing!

THOMAS GARCIA B.  
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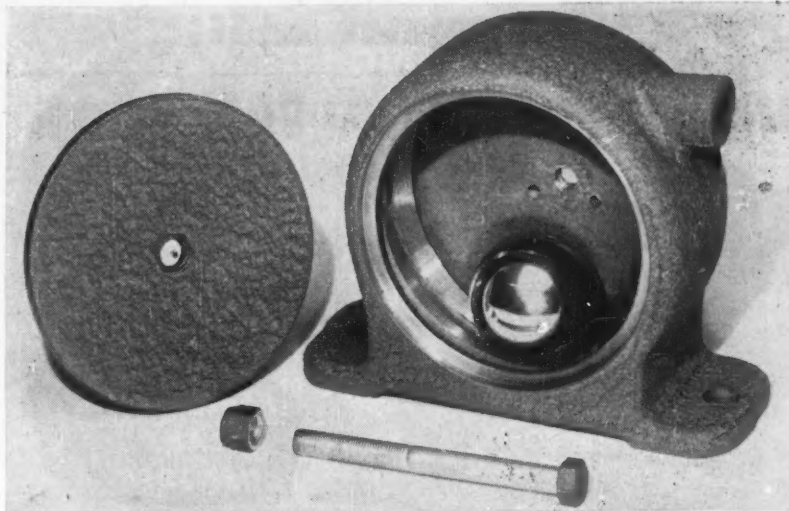
► We're not different, nor more moral — only shy about such things—Ed.

### Solid-to-Solid Heat Exchange

Sir:

In the October issue of *Chemical Engineering* I read with much interest the article entitled "Capturing Rotary Kiln Heat."

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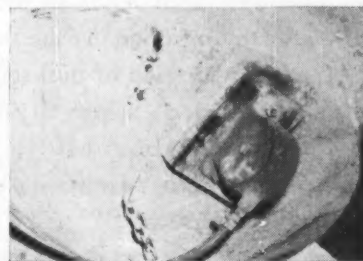
**Simplified Design:** AiroViber's one moving part is a steel ball. An air jet blows it at high speed around a ground and hardened steel track in the housing. The weight of the ball develops a strong centrifugal force, which the vibrator transmits through its mounting into the object to be vibrated. It will start and operate under any condition and performs at high or low temperatures. AiroViber is not affected by humidity.

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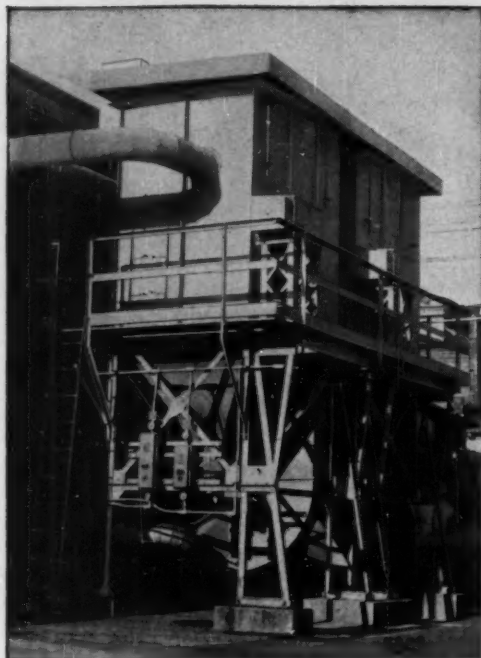
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holm has developed a new idea in connection with rotary kilns which is explained in the enclosed copies of the two issued U. S. Patents. We have the exclusive rights to the use of these patents for this country.

There are many applications for this method of solid-to-solid heat exchange, one of them being in the field of retorting oil shale, another one in the field of roasting low-grade iron ores in the presence of hydrogen, and another one in connection with the disposal of saw-mill waste.

It can also, of course, be applied for the cooling of hot solids. It is extremely efficient because of the counterflow of the steel balls. Balls of other material can also be used; in connection with oil shale we anticipate using balls made of the spent shale.

H. E. LINDEN

President  
Linden & Co.  
Beverly Hills, Calif.

► We appreciate this additional and valuable information on the Aspegren developments. The two patents referred to are U. S. 2,592,783 (O. E. A. Aspegren, Rotary Heat Exchanger, April 15, 1952) and U. S. 2,420,376 (E. A. Johansson, Destructive Distillation Process Embodying Counterflow of Solid Heating Medium, May 13, 1947).—ED.

## More on Corrosion Resistance

Sir:

I enjoyed your 16th Biennial Materials of Construction Report that appeared in the November issue. A very neat and concise job!

However, I was disturbed by statements made in the discussions of stainless steels and lead. In both cases it was stated that proper treatment of the metal surface would result in improved corrosion resistance.

The protective film that exists on the surface of stainless steel and other chromium-containing alloys is very delicate. In fact, it is believed that this film is a dynamic phenomenon—destruction followed by repair. This is supported by the observation that even passive stainless corrodes at a slow but measurable rate.



Therefore, the important point to consider is the passivating capacity of the medium. If the passivating capacity of the corrosive is insufficient to repair holes resulting from chemical or mechanical damage, look out! "Passivating" treatments will not improve the resistance of stainless steels because sooner or later, damage to the protective film will permit attack.

This same argument applies to the formation of sulfate films on lead. The initial state of the metal, coated or uncoated, is not important.

N. D. GREENE JR.

Research Fellow  
Corrosion Research Laboratory  
Engineering Experiment Station  
Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio

► Corrosion engineers will appreciate this additional information on the surface treatment of stainless steels and lead. — Ed.

### Bag Packer vs. Bag Loader

Sir:

There appears to be some confusion among users as to the difference between a bag loader and a bag packer.

One of the earliest and most successful bag packers consists of an auger inside a tube, the bag being pushed up over the tube until the bottom of the bag is against the end of the tube where it is held by a movable platform. When the auger is started, the material is pushed into the bag and the platform is pushed downward. The pressure on the packed material is regulated by the resistance of the platform and the resistance is controlled by a friction brake. With this system there is no fluffing of the material in the bag and no air entrainment as the bag is filled.

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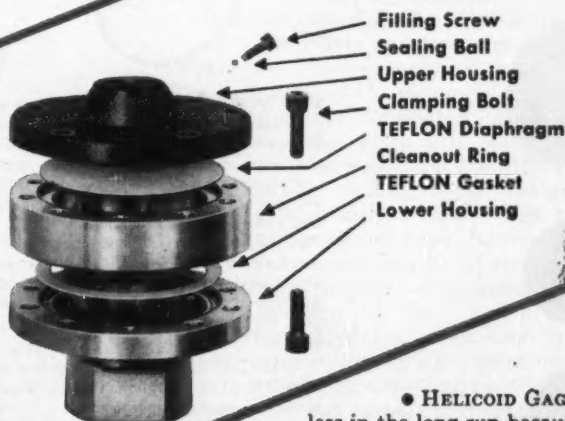


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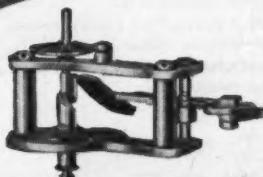
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IRA A. BUTCHER

Consulting Engineer  
Cincinnati Time Recorder Co.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

## Rebuttal to Wells

Sir:

Please don't let reader Kenneth S. Wells (CE, Oct. '54, pp. 359-60) talk you out of "You and Your Job." That's one of the main columns that got me to subscribe to your magazine.

Another thing — that piece "Breakdown vs. Preventive Maintenance" may not have said much of anything to him, but it was a darn good general article for a young non-manufacturing man like me.

And still another—his implicit notion that theory cannot be practical is arrant nonsense and suggests that he is one who needs it most.

Finally—his tagging you "fair to mediocre" is quite undeserved. You put out a good to excellent magazine with nicely balanced content.

You are especially to be complimented on your new format and even more so for the type of thinking that prompted it.

P. D. GEORGE

Schenectady, N. Y.

► There's a pro-and-con to everything we do. For another rebuttal to Reader Wells' cons, see the letter that follows.—Ed.

Sir:

In reading the October 1954 issue, I was prompted to write to you in connection with a letter published from Mr. K. S. Wells.

He seems to dislike articles tend-

ing to delve into theory. I am surprised at Mr. Wells; does he think that theory is something to be left in the classrooms of the Universities?

It is my belief that theory (dull as it may be to read at times) goes hand in hand with many engineering assumptions; therefore engineers should be exposed to it when the occasion warrants. The CE Refresher course is a practical publication of theory, but none the less it is theory. May I take this opportunity to congratulate the CE staff; the Refresher series is excellent. I hope to see it continued with other topics.

The "Technical Bookshelf" and "You and Your Job" are checked as useless by Mr. Wells. I think he has overlooked individual tastes. To me those are both interesting sections of CE that I never miss reading.

Your "Reader Service" department is in my estimation near perfection for clarity, speed, and ease in its use. The layout of ads and technical literature is superior to any other journal I have ever subscribed to or read.

My heartiest approval of CE goes to the entire staff.

R. M. CLARKE

Chemical Engineer  
Yale University  
New Haven, Conn.

#### Dehydrohalogenation?

Sir:

A recent letter in *Chemical Engineering* concerning a "new unit operation" prompts me to write concerning the neglected field of dehydrohalogenation.

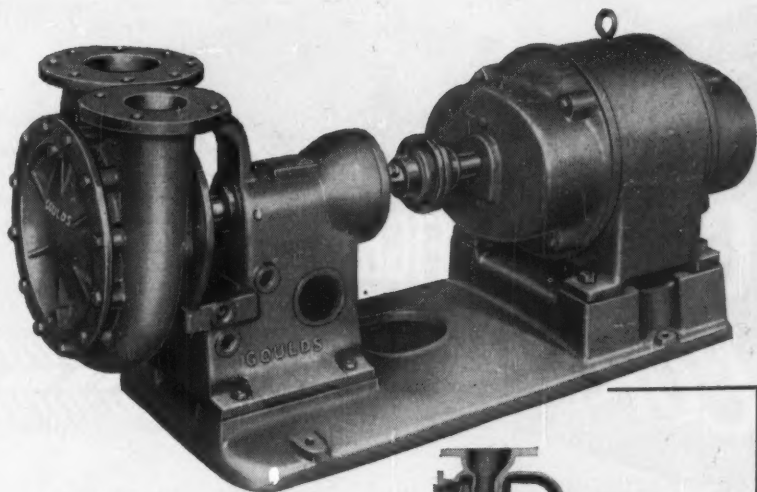
Whole chapters are written upon "the addition of halogen acid." Yet a recent text has only two pages upon "subtraction." A friend advises that "there is no theory" for this operation.

For what good reason has research so carefully avoided this field? Must it be a sacred cow?

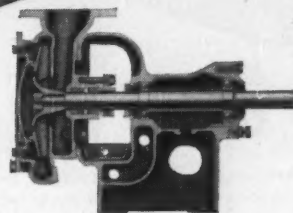
R. E. BOWMAN

Blacksburg, Va.

Does anyone wish to come forth with a defense of the "sacred cow" of dehydrohalogenation? — Ed.



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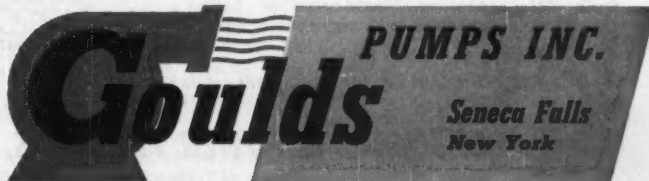
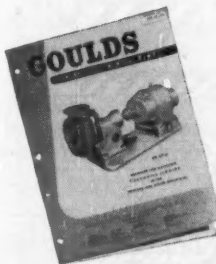
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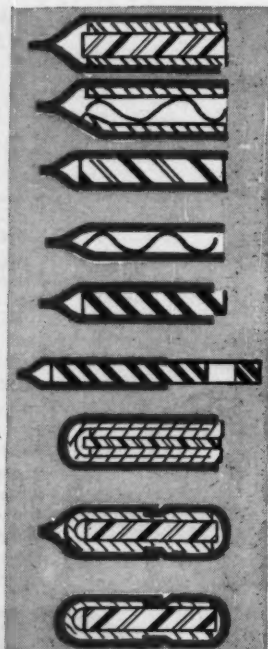
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## Technical

### For First Introduction

**ELEMENTARY CHEMICAL ENGINEERING.** By M. S. Peters. McGraw-Hill Book Co., N. Y., 322 pages. \$6.

What does a chemical engineer do, anyway? Max Peters answers this question—both for students who are nonmajors and for chemical engineering beginners—in this latest edition to the McGraw-Hill Series in Chemical Engineering.

Essential purpose of this text is to give a unified picture of chemical engineering as a profession by emphasizing development, applications and the interrelationships of its fundamentals. Basic information on stoichiometry, equipment, unit operations, chemical economics and plant design is included.

Though primarily intended for use with a full-year fundamental course (or as a one-semester survey for nonmajors), Professor Peters puts unusual emphasis on practical applications. This should make the book useful to industrial chemists, supervisors, executives, salesmen and the chemical engineer who needs some brush-up on fundamentals.

Where the mathematics involved would be above the level of many readers, simplified derivations are given. More extensive derivations are in the appendix. Also by consulting the answers in the appendix, students can find out immediately if they have correctly solved the problems that follow most chapters. Many completely worked out examples are scattered throughout the text.—RFF

### Unit Techniques

**THE TECHNICAL REPORT.** Edited by B. H. Weil. Reinhold Publishing Corp., New York. 485 pages. \$12.

With commendable acumen the publishers aver that here we have "the only book to cover all the following important phases: writing,

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illustrating, editing, duplicating, binding, distributing, security, filing." This is true, but it would be easy to question just how well these important phases were "covered."

With greater grace the editor regards it as a handbook of unit techniques. And considering its origin, the book does approach this ideal rather well.

About 75 percent of "The Technical Report" is based on society papers. They have been reworked but they still preserve some of the flavor of their origin.

More than half of the book is concerned with the details of distributing, filing and using reports. In this area, the various authors expound in considerable detail on their specialties. Chemical engineers with production problems will relegate these subjects to their librarians.

In any mass-authored jobs, it is difficult to get an over-all integration of the book's content. Weil has done a sturdy job and his book will serve as a guide to many prospective authors and speakers.

When you are faced with the necessity for writing or making a report, Weil's handbook should be consulted. A helpful idea is sure to emerge.

### 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tabular

IMIDAZOLE AND ITS DERIVATIVES. Part I. By Klaus Hofmann. Interscience Publishers, New York. 465 pages. \$13.50.

Reviewed by A. H. Blatt

This monograph reviews the material published on the chemistry of imidazoles and benzimidazoles during the years 1919-1950. The material is divided into about 320 pages of text and about 90 pages of tables. The eight chapters of text deal with (1) general properties and structure of imidazoles, (2) alkyl and aryl derivatives, (3) oxo and oxy derivatives and their sulfur analogs, (4) halogen derivatives,



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(5) nitro, arylazo, and amino derivatives, (6) carboxylic and sulfonic acids, (7) di- and tetra-hydro derivatives, and (8) benzimidazoles. The tables list the individual compounds that have been reported, give for each compound the melting point or the melting point of a suitable derivative (e.g. picrate, hydrochloride), and give a literature reference.

For any one wishing to locate a particular imidazole or to acquire general familiarity with the chemistry of imidazoles, this monograph is essential. In addition, it should stimulate further work on imidazoles, for there are many areas in the chemistry of this heterocyclic system that require additional experimental work or critical analysis or both.

### Neither nor

INDUCTION AND DIELECTRIC HEATING. By J. Wesley Cable. Reinhold Publishing Corp., New York. 565 pages. \$12.50.

Reviewed by Max Wulfhoff

Here are almost 600 pages of text on two specialized heating methods, forming a volume that is neither treatise nor handbook nor encyclopedia.

While going to great lengths on the subject of applications, the work is curiously lacking in coordination and in depth. It sidesteps a discussion of basic concepts (except some elementary ones), gives little on numerical relations or characteristic ratios, few reference dimensions, hardly any selection or calculation data, no complete numerical examples, and little help in either detail design or equipment layout. Neither is there any systematic analysis of plant economics, efficiencies or performances. It does not give a well-rounded picture of the state of the art; while it reports on some highlights of American practice, developments abroad are ignored.

A patent summary, author index, and bibliography are all lacking.



Some spelling errors are irritating, as nickle for nickel, Seimens for Siemens. What holds for the text goes also for the illustrations which are largely somewhat uninformative, and mostly taken from trade catalogs; some of them could have been left out without detriment to the whole.

However, the text will give to readers unfamiliar with the heating methods under consideration a bird's-eye view of their applicability in a number of commercial fields.

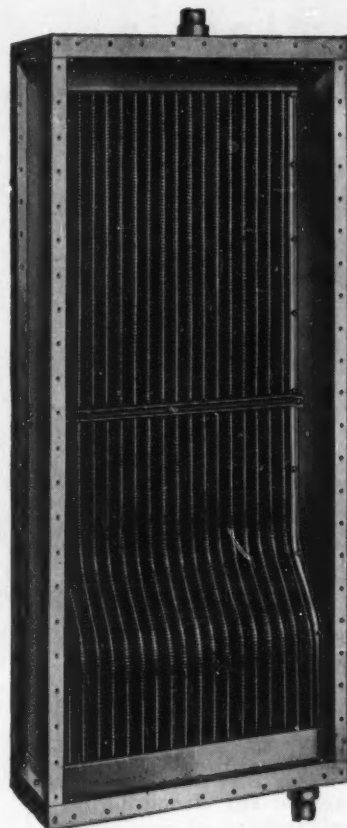
#### Recent Books Received

- Cellulose and Cellulose Derivatives.* 2nd ed., Part II. Ed. by E. Ott, H. M. Spurlin & M. W. Grafflin. Interscience. \$12.
- Coal.* By W. Francis. St. Martin's Press. \$17.50.
- Colorimetric Methods of Analysis.* By F. D. Snell & C. T. Snell. Van Nostrand. \$12.50.
- Conveyors and Related Equipment.* 3rd ed. By W. G. Hudson. Wiley. \$9.
- Deterioration of Materials.* By G. A. Greathouse & C. J. Wessel. Reinhold. \$12.
- Electrometric pH Determinations.* By R. G. Bates. Wiley. \$7.50.
- Hugh Roy Cullen.* By E. Kilman & T. Wright. Prentice-Hall. \$4.
- Manual on Industrial Water.* American Society for Testing Materials. \$5.
- Manufacture and Application of Lubricating Greases.* By C. J. Boner. Reinhold. \$18.50.
- Monomeric Acrylic Esters.* By E. H. Riddle. Reinhold. \$5.
- Nuclear Species.* By H. E. Huntley. St. Martin's Press. \$4.50.
- Organic Analysis. Vol. 2.* By J. Mitchell, Jr., I. M. Kolthoff, E. O. Proskauer & A. Weissberger. Interscience. \$8.50.
- Packaging Engineering.* By L. C. Barail. Reinhold. \$9.50.
- Physical Measurements in Gas Dynamics and Combustion.* By R. W. Ladenburg, B. Lewis, R. N. Pease & H. S. Taylor. Princeton. \$12.50.
- Physical Methods and Organic Chemistry.* 2nd ed. Part III. By A. Weissberger. Interscience. \$8.50.
- Soil.* By G. V. Jacks. Philosophical. \$5.
- Solvents and Allied Substances Manual.* By C. Marsden. Elsevier.
- Tales of a Sugar Tramp.* By E. C. Freeland. Pelican. \$5.
- Treatise on Applied Hydraulics.* 4th ed. By H. Addison. Wiley. \$9.50.
- Water Conditioning for Industry.* By S. T. Powell. McGraw-Hill. \$9.

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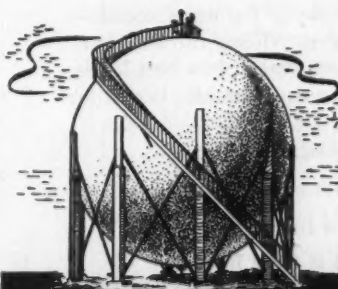


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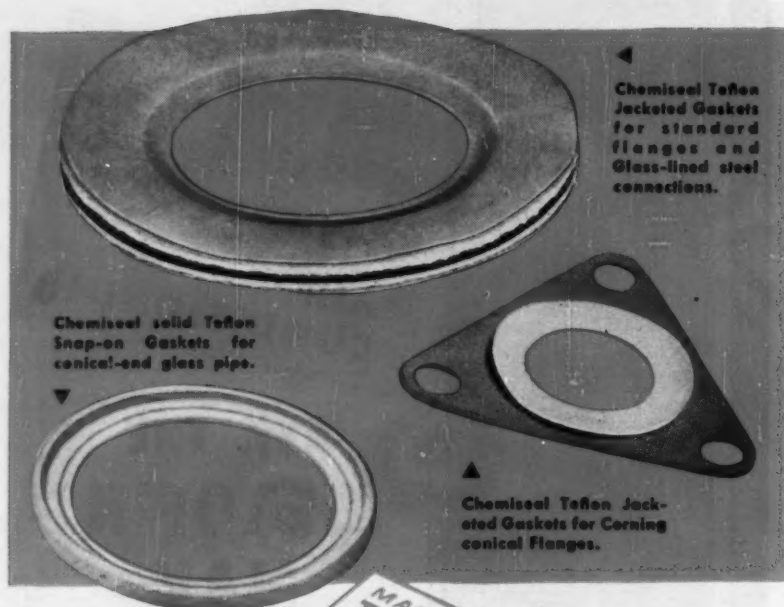
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## Recent Books

### Operations Research

Management's newest enthusiasm—operations research—promises much. It can be applied to marketing, inventory control, programming, costs and even to office routines. 185 pages.

"Proceedings of the Symposium on Operations Research in Business and Industry." Midwest Research Institute, Kansas City, Mo. \$5.

### Refractometry

How to determine indexes of refraction of solids by microscopical methods. Primarily for mineralogists but useful to almost any user of the microscope. 60 pages.

"Practical Refractometry by Means of the Microscope." By R. M. Allen. R. P. Cargille Labs., 117 Liberty St., New York 6, N. Y. \$1.

### Grays Harbor

Features of this Washington area of interest to industry: water supply, transportation, population, industries, raw materials and other industrial location facts.

"The Grays Harbor Area." Ivan Bloch and Associates, 611 Park Bldg., Portland 5, Ore.

### Fertilizers

Although this manual was originally prepared for instructing supervisory personnel, a new edition now will serve well as a handbook of fertilizer manufacture. 179 pages.

"Manual on Fertilizer Manufacture." By Vincent Sauchelli. Davison Chemical Co., Baltimore, Md. \$4.50.

### Purging

Describes methods of procedure for safely removing and adding equipment to a gas system. This manual is not an operating code. Includes supervision, personnel and

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planning as well as methods and equipment. 225 pages.

"Purging Principles and Practice." American Gas Association, 420 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y. \$6.

### **Corrosion**

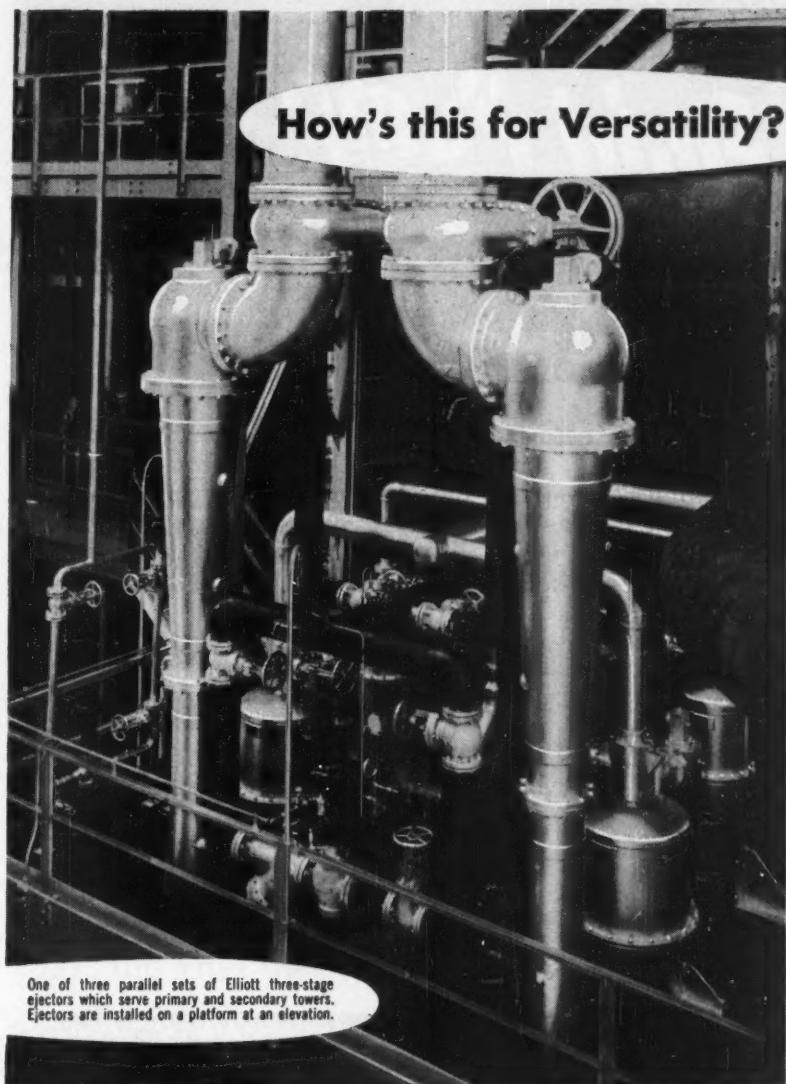
27 investigators from 10 different countries spent 6 weeks visiting 41 different American companies and institutions. They studied problems of maintenance, with special reference to corrosion. This is their report. It is a valuable summary of American practice covering, in 11 chapters, theory, protective techniques, anti-corrosive and heat-resisting materials. 129 pages.

"Corrosion Problems and Prevention in the Chemical and Petro-Chemical Industries in the U. S. A." Organization for European Economic Co-operation, Publications Office, 2002 P St. N.W., Washington 6, D. C. \$1.50.

### **Products & Processes**

Containing 1,350 abstracts or brief descriptions of government-owned inventions in the chemical field, this volume is one of seven prepared by the Government Patent Board. Each listing includes title and number of the patent, name of the inventor, name of the government agency administering the patent. Abstracts are grouped under 19 classifications as to industrial use. None of our industry groups can afford to ignore the availability of these patents, to themselves and to their competitors. Other books in the currently available series cover instrumentation; food products and processes; metal processes; electric and electronic apparatus; ordnance; and ceramic, paper, rubber, and other processes.

"Chemical Products and Processes." PB111465. Office of Technical Services, Washington 25, D. C., 101 pages. \$3.



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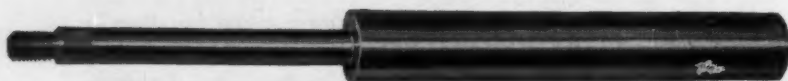
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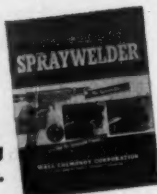
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**Borden Co.**, has entered the Mexican industrial adhesives manufacturing field upon the completion of a resin production run in Mexico City.

**Vitro Corp.** has entered the field of uranium mining. It has acquired 57 uranium claims from the Sateco Mining Co., Wyoming.

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**Warwick Wax Co.** has named the Dixie Solvents & Chemical Co., Louisville, Ky., as exclusive distributor in that state.

**Cochrane Corp.**, Philadelphia, has appointed the Turbine Equipment Co. as a representative.

**Hercules Powder Co.** has selected McKesson & Robbins, Inc., as a distributor for products of its Naval Stores Dept.

**Brown-Allen Chemicals, Inc.**, Staten Island, N. Y., has appointed Grant Chemical Co., Boston, as agent for its paints and varnishes.

**Ampco Metal, Inc.**, Milwaukee, has named the O'Neill Pump & Eng. Co. as distributor for its centrifugal pumps, in Richmond, Va.

**Diamond Alkali Inter-American Corp.** has appointed Fernando Castillo G-N as technical service representative for herbicides in Latin America.

**Carboline Co.**, St. Louis, Mo., has selected Nash-Pittsburgh Co. as representative for its corrosion resistance materials.

**American Water Softener Co.** has named Piepenbrink Eng. Co., Chicago, as representative in the Midwest for its water conditioning equipment.

## *the News*

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Insul-Mastic Corp. of America, Pittsburgh, has appointed Runnels Paint Co. as sales agent in the Pacific Northwest.

### **New Companies**

Biotronic Laboratories, Coventry, Conn., will manufacture fine chemicals, biochemical reagents and physical accessories.

Fermco Chemicals, Inc. will produce glucose oxidase-catalase and gluconic acid. Plant and offices are in Chicago.

Controls & Instrumentation Sales Co., Inc., Philadelphia, will serve as sales agent for manufacturers in the Delaware Valley.

Morse Chain of Canada, Ltd., is a new manufacturing subsidiary of Borg-Warner Corp., Chicago.

Shell Chemical (Australia) Proprietary Ltd. has been incorporated in Melbourne to control Shell interests in that country.

Nuclear Consultants, Inc., has organized the NRD Instrument Co. as a corporate division—in St. Louis, Mo.

GHK Associates, Detroit, Mich., will offer engineering and designing services to industry.

The Pure Fuel Oil Co., subsidiary of Pure Oil Co., will market fuel oil in the Chicago area.

Talboys Instrument Corp., Emerson, N. J., will manufacture a complete line of variable and constant speed stirrers.

### **New Locations**

Sharp & Dohme biological processing operations, now being carried on in the Glenolden, Pa., laboratories will be moved to West Pt., Pa.

Victor Chemical Works will move from Chicago's Board of Trade

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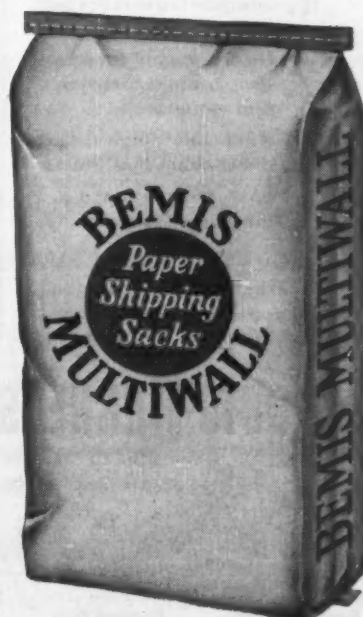
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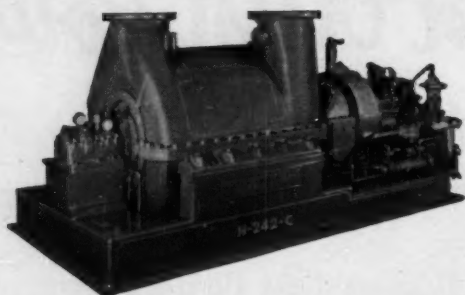
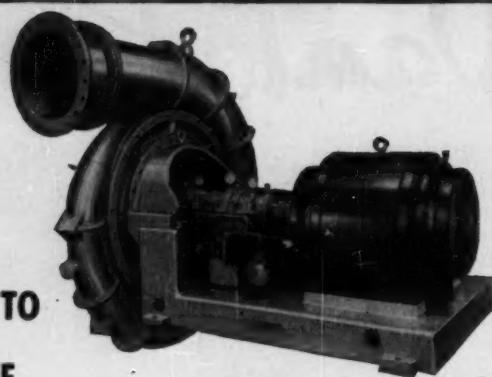
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J. F. Pritchard & Co. has removed its offices to its own new building at 4625 Roanoke Parkway, Kansas City, Mo.

Girdler Co.'s Gas Processes Div. has been moved to 301 Wright Bldg., Tulsa, Okla.

Blue M Electric Co. is moving into its new modern one story plant on Chatham St., Blue Island, Ill.

### New Names

Thurmond Industries, Inc., is the new corporate name of C. U. McClellan Laboratories Corp., Los Angeles, mfr. of insecticides.

### New Facilities

American Blower Corp., Dearborn, Mich., has opened direct factory branch offices in Portland, Ore., and Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Wyandotte Chemical Corp. has begun production at its new \$450,000 plant in Los Nietos, Calif.

Sage Equipment Co. has expanded its conveying equipment facilities in Buffalo by 30%.

Commercial Solvents Corp. has chosen Tears Engineers to design the equipment for part of its \$5 million nitroparaffin plant in La.

Dewey & Almy Chemical Co. has been merged into W. R. Grace & Co.

Ketona Chemical Corp. will construct a new plant with an annual capacity of 45,000 tons of anhydrous ammonia.

Inland Chemicals Canada Ltd. has awarded the Lummus Co. Canada Ltd. a contract to build its 100 ton/day sulfuric acid plant in Alberta.





**Eimco Corp.** has opened its new research and development center for liquid-solids separation through filtration.

**Dow Chemical Co.** has organized a research development section in its Market Research Dept.

**Phillips Petroleum Co.** has acquired all the capital stock of Curry Chemical Co., Inc., and 14 affiliated companies.

**P. R. Mallory Plastics Co.,** Chicago, Indianapolis, has purchased Semrow Plastics, Inc., Chicago.

**Southern Chemical Cotton Co.,** Chattanooga, Tenn., producer of cellulose, has constructed a new purification plant.

**University of Cincinnati** has completed construction of its new fluids test laboratory.

**Acheson Industries, Inc.,** plans to construct a plant in Orange, Tex., for the production of dispersed pigments and carbon black.

**Clayton Chemical & Packaging Co.,** Chicago, has acquired a plant at 5420 N. Damen Ave., for photographic chemicals operations.

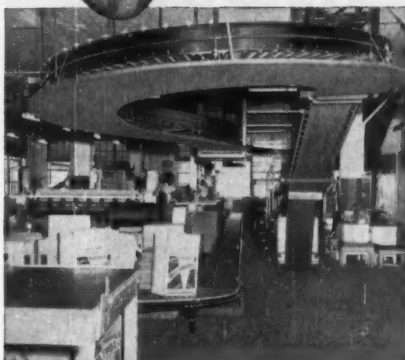
**Quebec Metallurgical Industries Ltd.** is negotiating for the purchase of the assets of Cobalt Chemicals Ltd., Ottawa, Ont.

**Structural Clay Products Research Fdn.** will construct a research center near Geneva, Ill.

**Hughes-Johnson Chemical Co.** has taken a lease on a tidewater property in Portland, Ore., for the



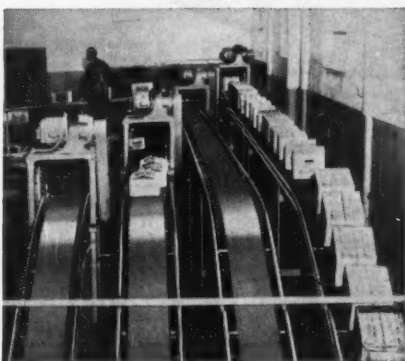
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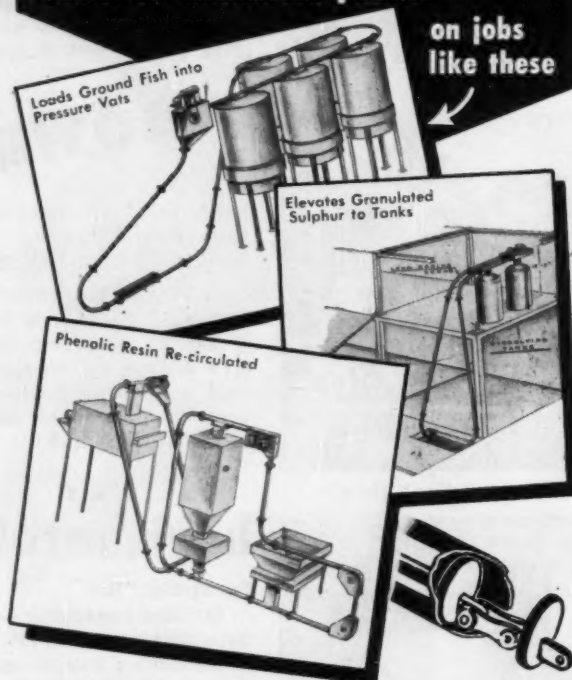
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Superior Refining Co. has put its new 1,000 b/d UOP platforming unit on stream in Superior, Wis.

The Lunkenheimer Co. has expanded its valve producing facilities in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Pacific Oil & Refining Co. will begin construction of a 10,000 b/d refinery in Tacoma, Wash., in March.

Aluminum Ltd. has expanded the capacity of its new smelter at Kitimat, B.C., by 60,000 tons of ingots/yr. at a cost of \$45 million.

Gulf Oil Corp. has begun the construction of one of four new catalytic reforming units in Pittsburgh, Pa.

University of Dayton plans to build a \$1 million building to house its chemistry and chemical engineering departments.

Blaw-Knox Co. has acquired all outstanding capital stock of Tri-Lok Co., Pittsburgh.

General Paint Corp., San Francisco, plans a \$250,000 Pacific northwest district office in Portland, Ore.

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Rietz Mfg. Co., Santa Rosa, Calif., has opened offices in Atlanta to service its chemical processing machinery.

International Nickel Co. has set up steel erections in the construction of its iron ore plant near Copper Cliff, Ont.

The University of Texas Geology Fdn. has received a \$750 grant from Standard Oil Co. of Texas.

National Ammonia Co. has bought du Pont's anhydrous ammonia facility in North Philadelphia, Pa.

Rayonier, Inc., has established a 30,000 acre tree farm in the Pacific Northwest.

Pure Oil Co. plans to build a catalytic reforming unit at Smiths Bluff refinery in Texas.

National Starch Products Inc. has purchased a tract of land at Meredosia, Ill., for the construction of a second vinyl resin plant.

International Salt Co. has opened two new salt warehouses in Milwaukee and Detroit.

Rockwell Mfg. Co., Meter & Valve Div., has opened a new district office in Shreveport, La.

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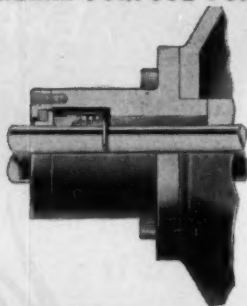
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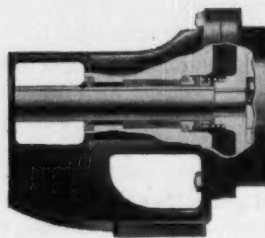
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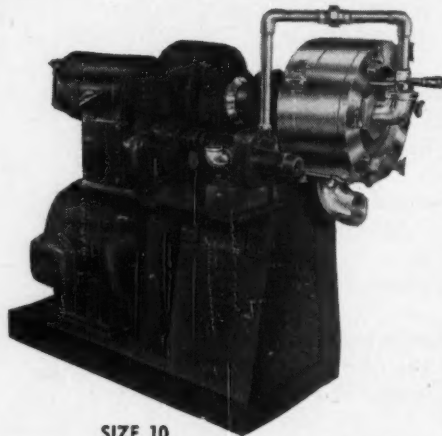
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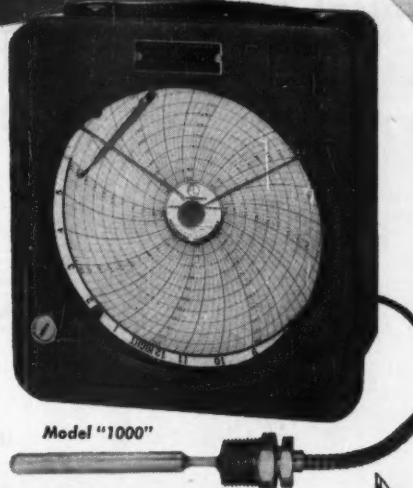
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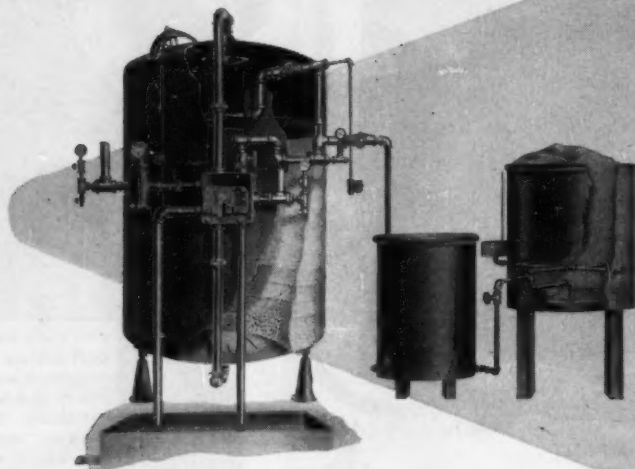
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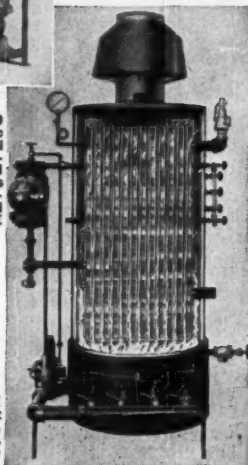
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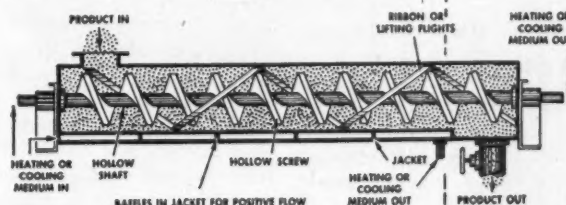
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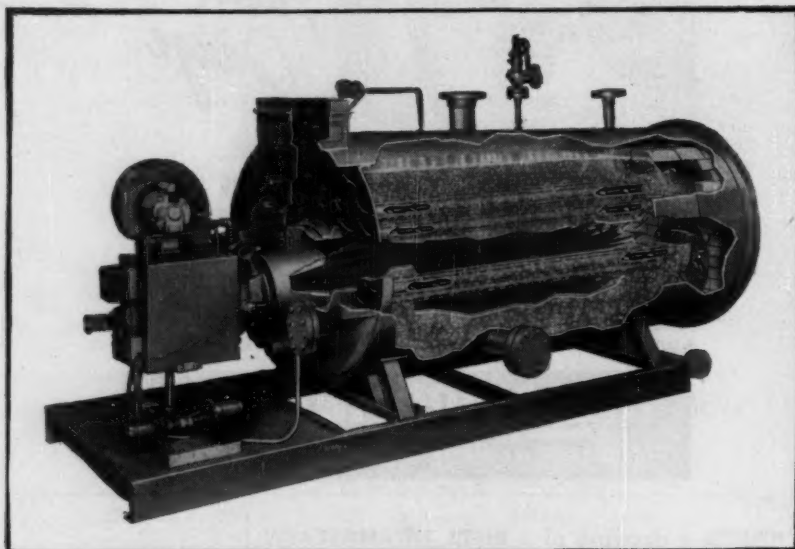
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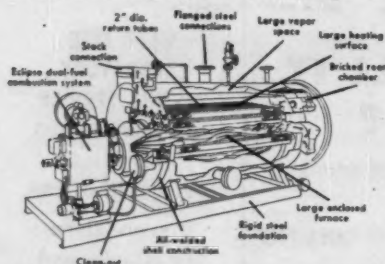
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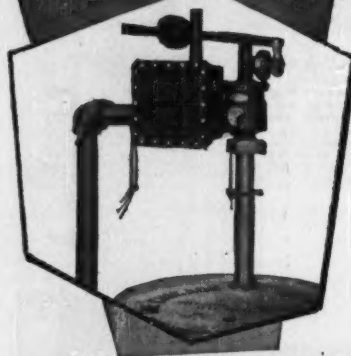


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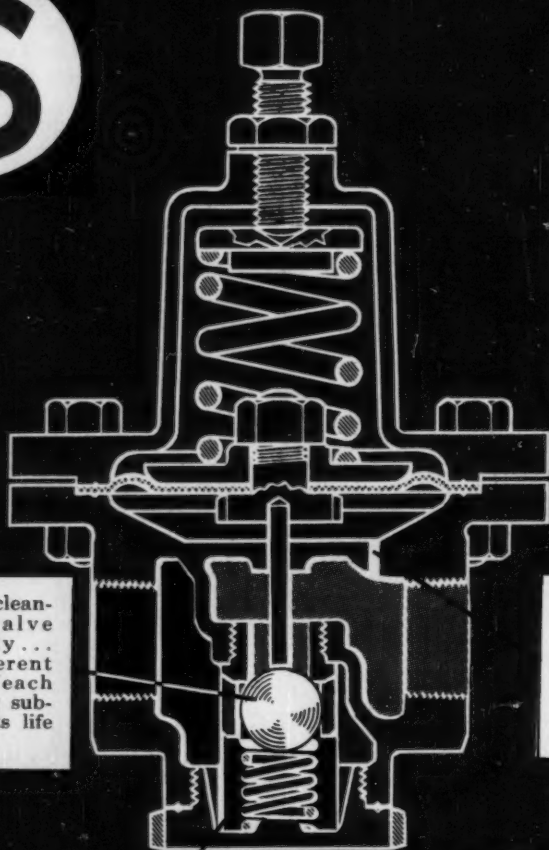


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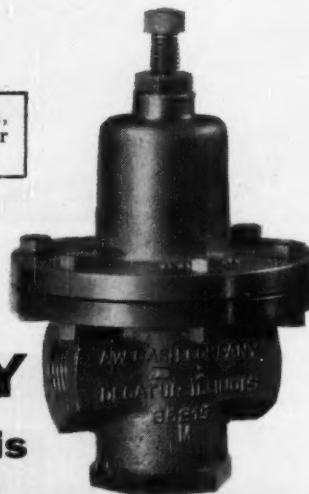
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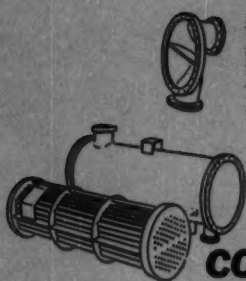
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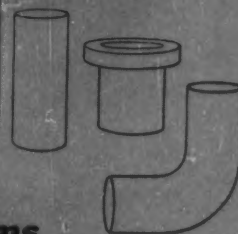
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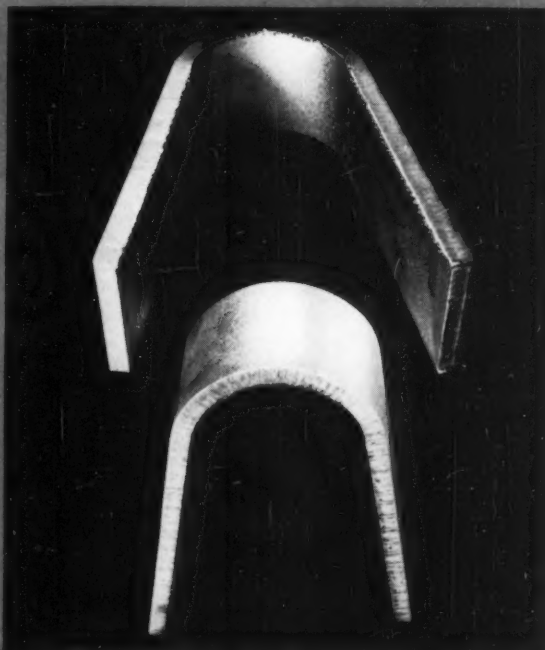
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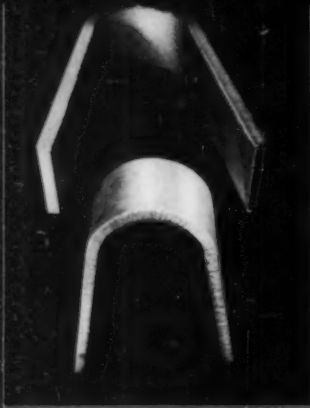
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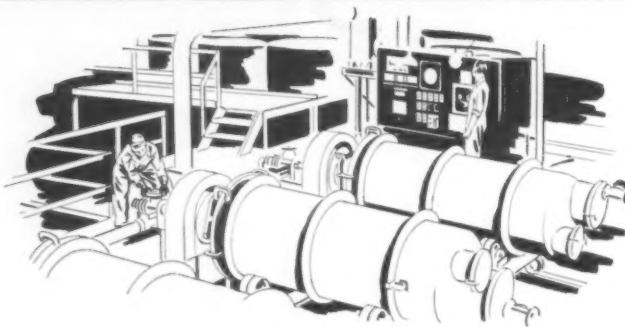
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☐ **Check contents** and locations of first-aid kits. Be sure they're adequate and up to date. Here, again, your

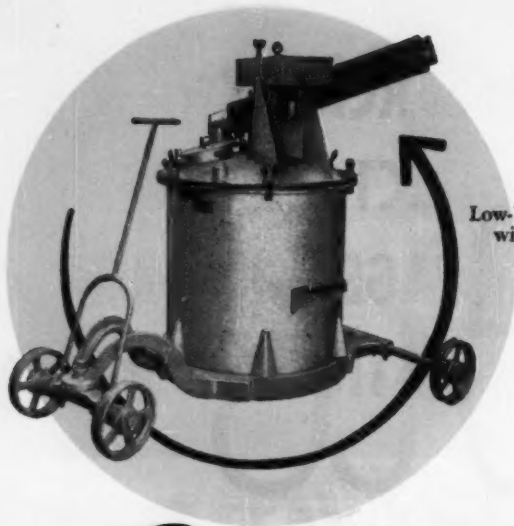
CD Director can help. He'll advise you on supplies needed for injuries due to blast, radiation, etc.

☐ **Encourage personnel** to attend Red Cross First-Aid Training Courses. They may save your life.

☐ **Encourage your staff** and your community to have their homes prepared. Run ads in your plant paper, in local newspapers, over TV and radio, on bulletin boards. Your CD Director can show you ads and official CD films or literature that you can sponsor locally. Set the standard of preparedness in your plant city. There's no better way of building prestige and good community relations—and no greater way of helping America.

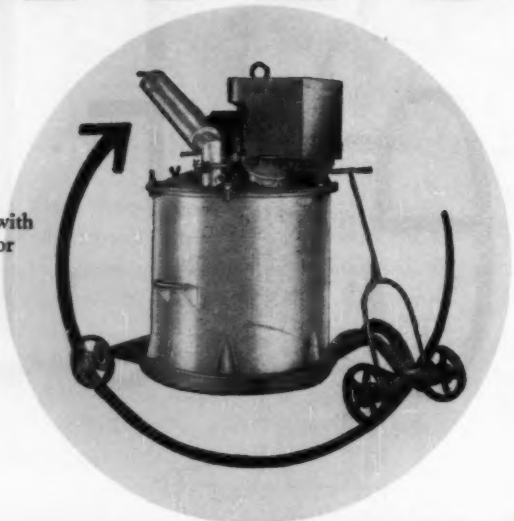
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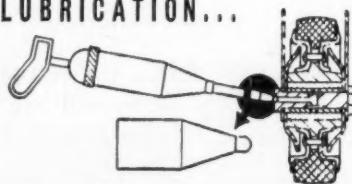
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**How to keep  
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the "with what"  
part of  
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Each advertiser is obviously doing his level best to give you helpful information. By showing, through the advertising pages, how his product or service can benefit you and your company, he is taking his most efficient way toward a sale.

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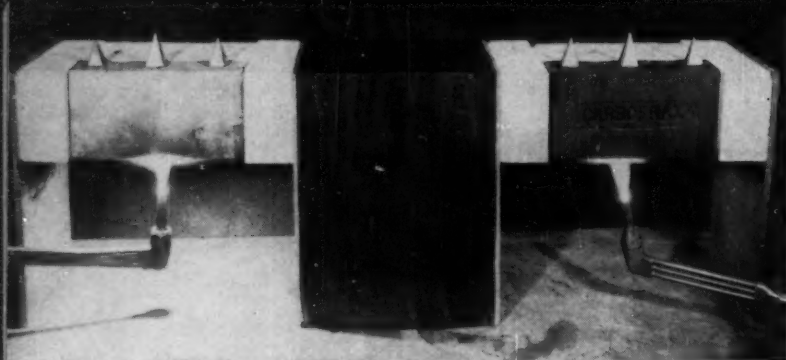
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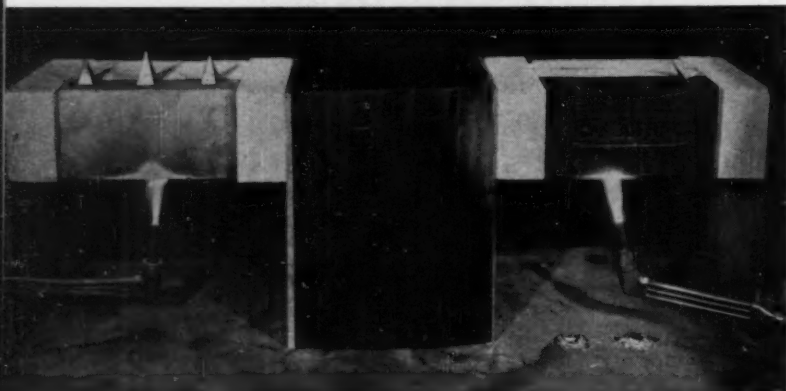
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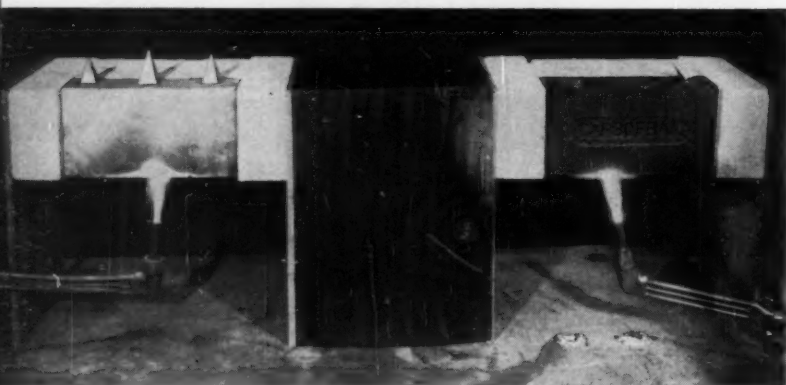
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Which lead pyramids will melt first? Those on the fireclay brick (left), or those on the CARBOFRAX brick?



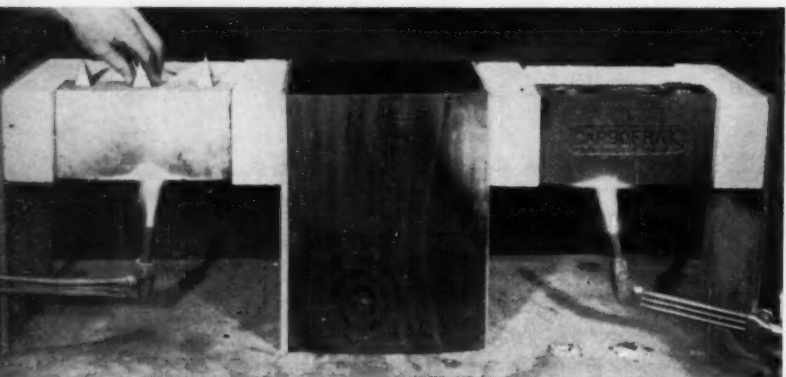
**2**

In minutes, heat passes through the CARBOFRAX brick... melts the first sinker... now melts the second.



**3**

Here, the third sinker melts... despite angle of the torch.



**4**

Minutes later, the sinkers on the fireclay brick are still cool enough to touch.

# HOW TO MOVE MORE HEAT FASTER...

Here is visual proof of how much faster you can transmit heat through a CARBOFRAX<sup>®</sup> silicon carbide refractory than through fireclay. By test, 11 to 12 times faster...or about the same rate of heat transfer you get with chrome nickel steel.

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THE MAN WE MEAN IS A COMPOSITE of the editorial staff of this magazine. For, obviously, no one individual could ever accomplish such a vast business news job. It's the result of many qualified men of diversified and specialized talents.

AND, THERE'S ANOTHER SIDE TO THIS "COMPOSITE MAN," another complete news service which complements the editorial section of this magazine — the advertising pages. It's been said that in a business publication the editorial pages tell "how they do it" — "they" being all the industry's front line of innovators and improvers — and the advertising pages tell "with what." Each issue unfolds an industrial exposition before you — giving a ready panorama of up-to-date tools, materials, equipment.

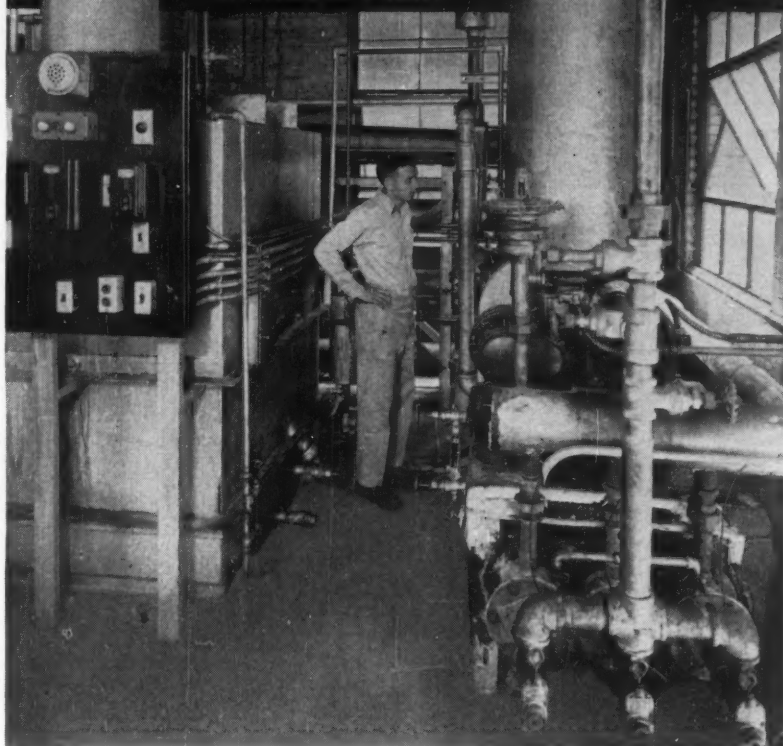
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## Gas Atmospheres' Generator Meets Increasing Demands for Nitrogen at Armour & Co. Chemical Plant . . .



### EXPANSION, NEW USES SATISFIED BY ADDING STORAGE FACILITIES

● A few years ago Armour & Co. purchased a Gas Atmospheres' Nitrogen Gas Generator for use in their McCook Chemical Division installation. Today they're glad they did.

The reason: the use of nitrogen gas has been on the constant increase and the Gas Atmospheres' unit has met these greater needs unfailingly. Because of variable demand, they're now considering adding storage facilities in order to get even greater utilization from the units.

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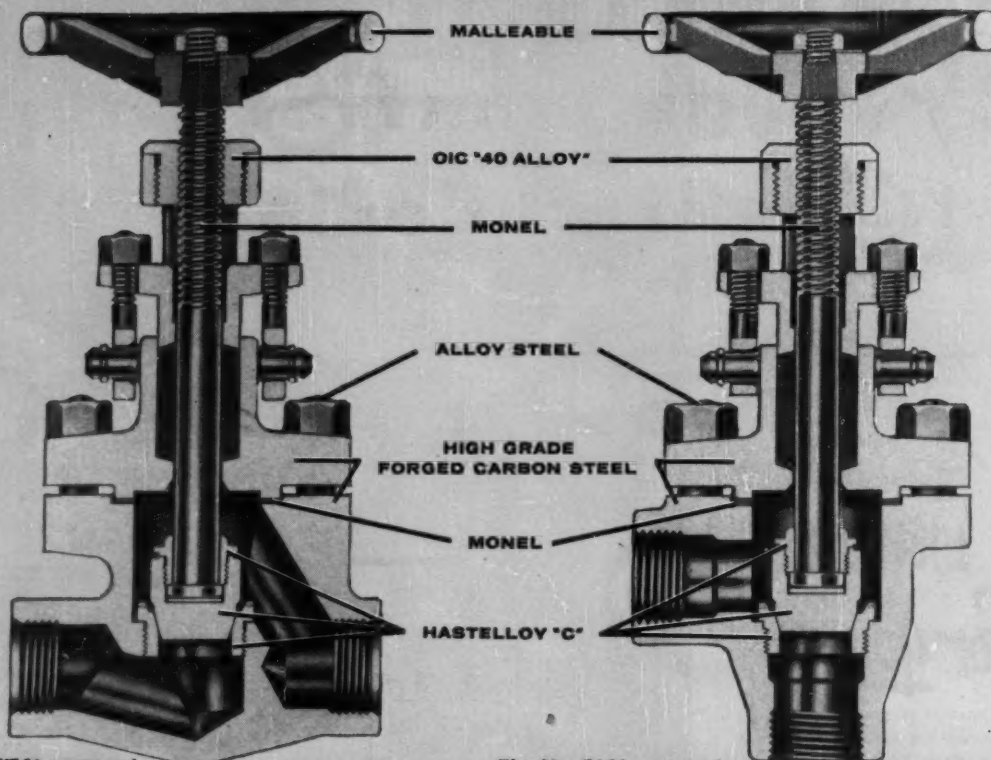


Fig. No. 1741 screwed  
Fig. No. 1740 flanged

Fig. No. 2141 screwed  
Fig. No. 2140 flanged

Proper design and the correct choice of metals combine in this OIC Forged Steel line to assure adequate strength, safety, and long trouble-free operation on chlorine service.

**Hastelloy "C"** swivel nut—disc—seat ring—Resist corrosive action of chlorine, increasing service life.

**Monel** stem—body—bonnet gasket—The monel stem resists corrosion. It is of generous size and accurately machined for ease of operation. The soft monel gasket is ideal for chlorine service.

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Contact your nearby OIC Distributor for all your valve needs.



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The new Leslie Lubrisoft® Packing now standard in all Leslie Diaphragm Control Valves is recommended for valve body temperatures up to 500° F. *without external lubrication*. When used with the Leslie thermo-isolating bonnet, it may be used for valve body temperatures up to 1050° F., eliminating need for external lubricators and isolating valves in most applications.

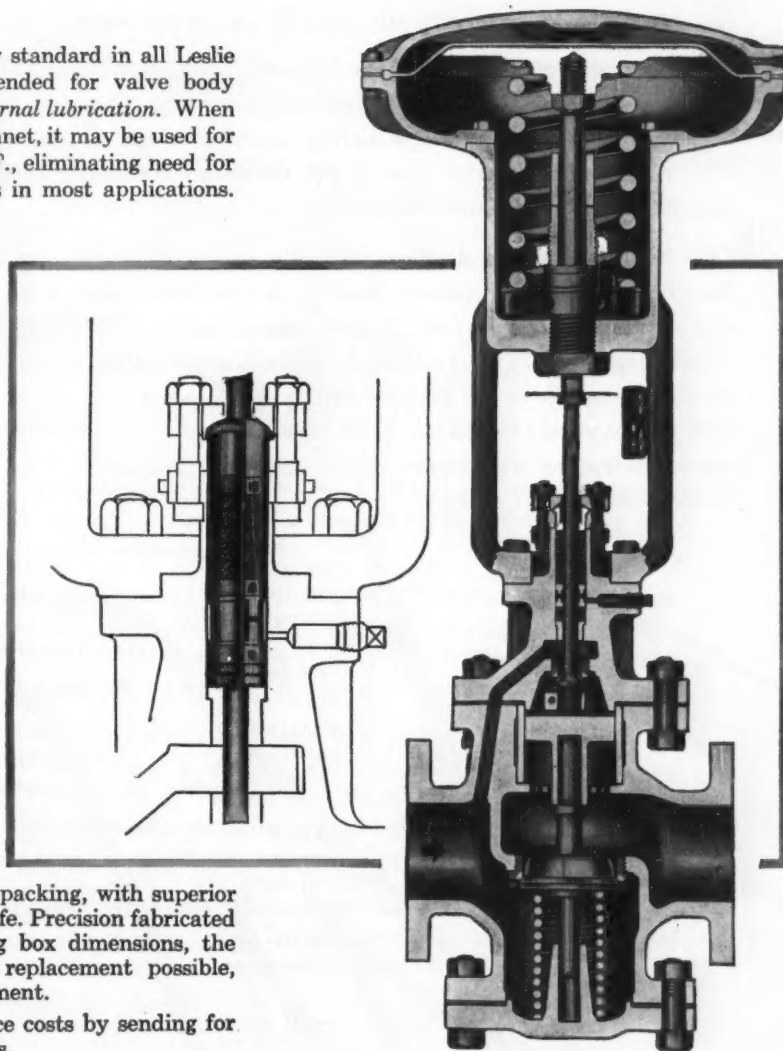
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Bingo! Right at your fingertips is the permanent showroom for your full line every heads-up CPI advertiser has been looking for.

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# to new CPI business

*can you use these CPI selling tools?*

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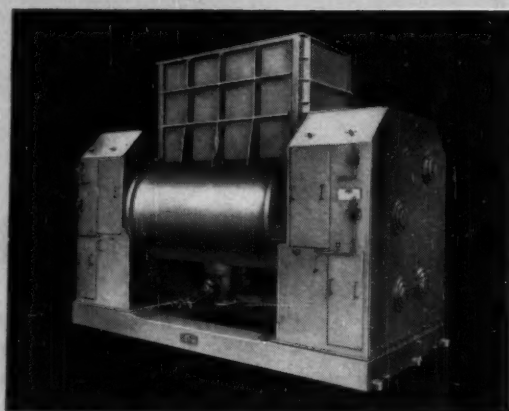






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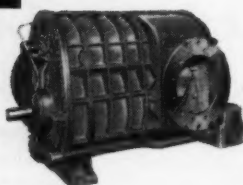
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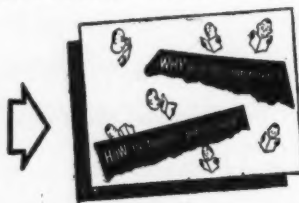
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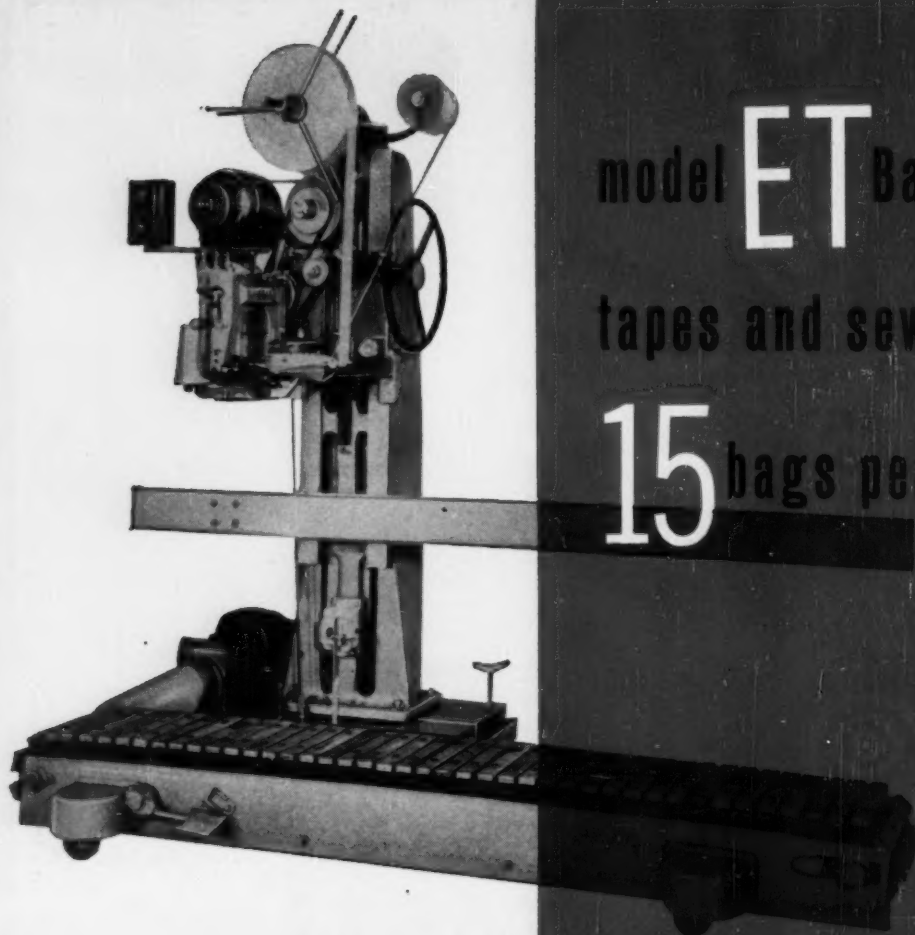
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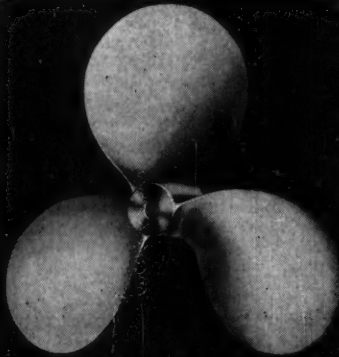


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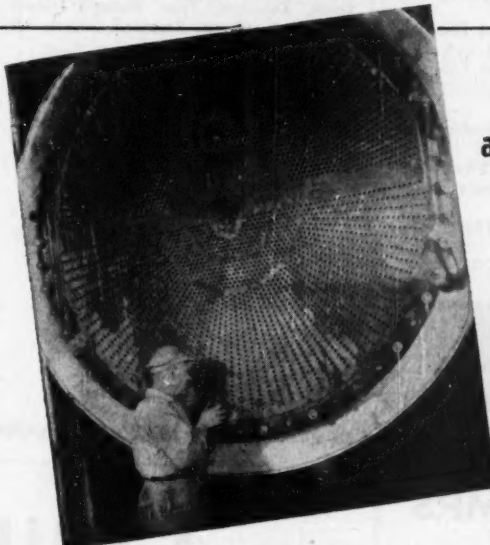


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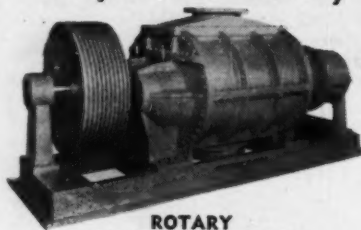
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Roots-Conn.	24 x 36	AF	5	164
Roots-Conn.	14 x 36	BCR	5	3580
Roots-Conn.	16 x 24	RCD	5	2515
Roots-Conn.	10 x 18	RCD	5	805
Roots-Conn.	10 x 12	RCS	7	200
Roots-Conn.	76	F	10	614
Sutcliffe	5H	Cal.	10	66
Sutcliffe	8H	Cal.	10	272
Roots-Conn.	10 x 10	RCR	10	618
Roots-Conn.	24 x 23	RCDH	7.5	8610
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Stock List: RP-100

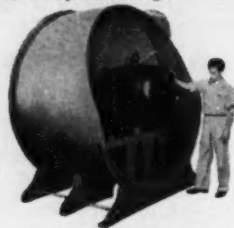
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American	9	AHS	33 1/4	61
Clairmont	3 1/4	W	42 1/4	44
Bayley	8		40	41
New York	36	ME	36	39 1/4
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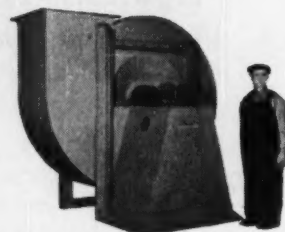


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1529	Ingersoll Rand	FSS77	150	15000	20
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Sturtevant	70	Des. 3	49 1/4	26 1/2
American	80	ELS	48 1/4	29 1/4
American	70	ELS	45 1/4	25 1/4
American	55	ELS	36 1/4	23
Sturtevant	50	Des. 3	34	19
New York	33	GI	33	21 1/4
Buffalo	45	MW	32	19 1/4
American	50	ELS	31	18 1/4
Gen. Blower	45	MX	27	18 1/4
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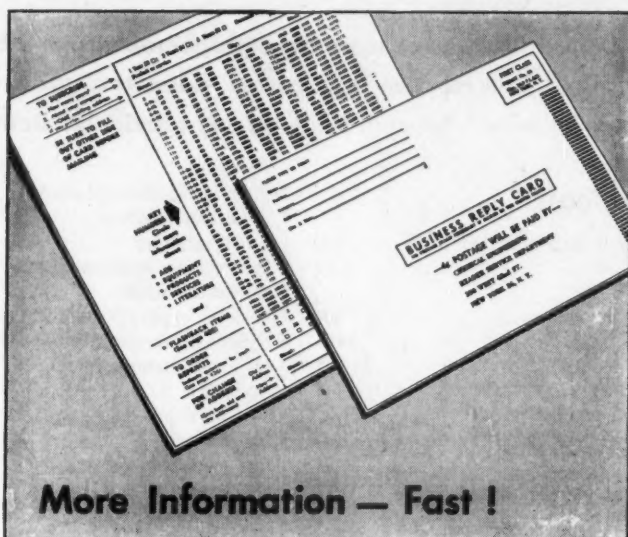
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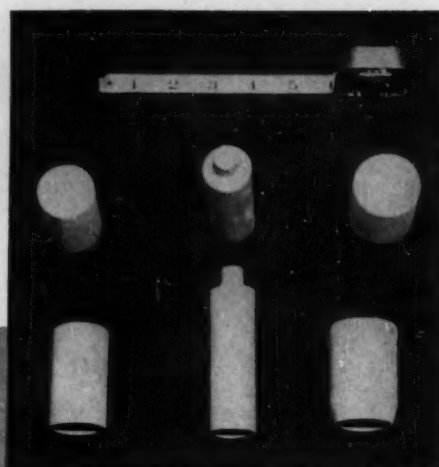
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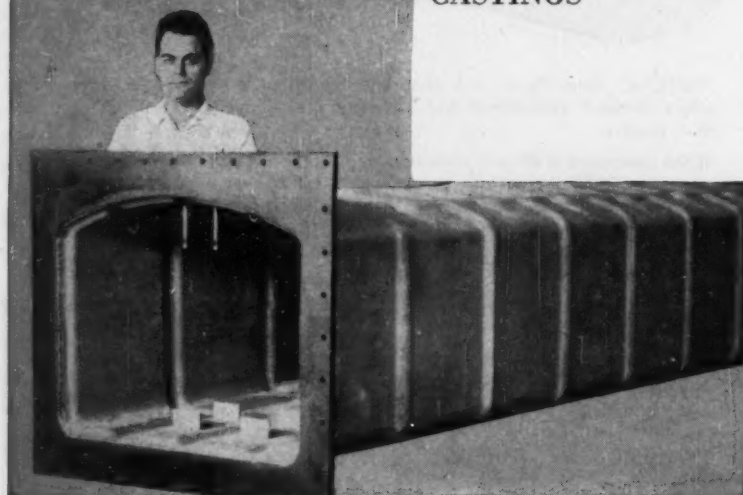


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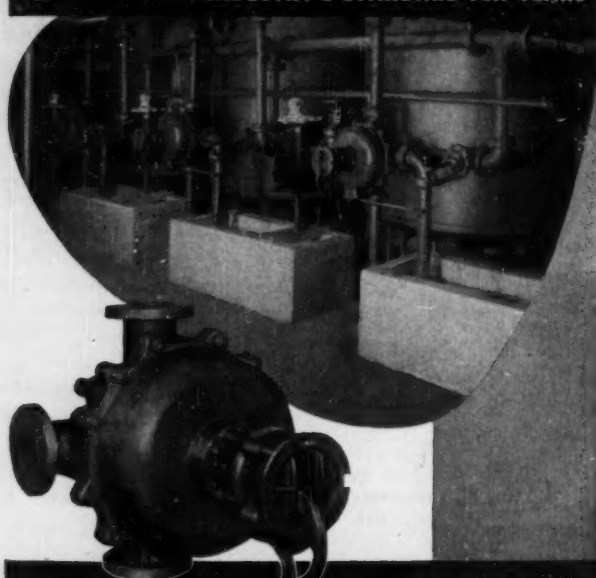
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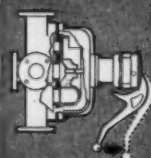
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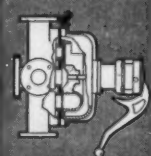
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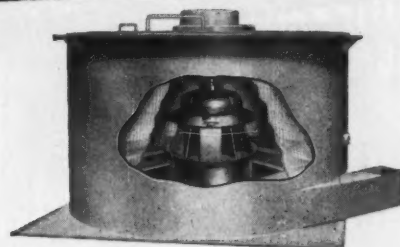
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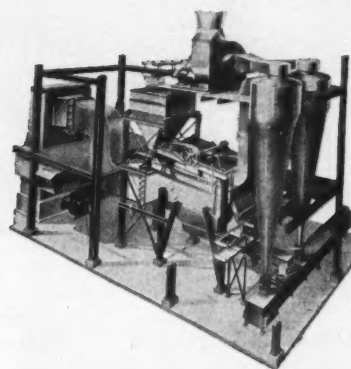


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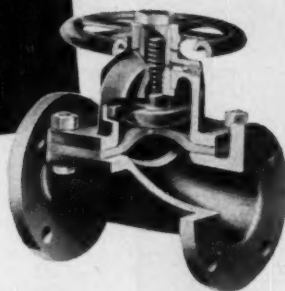
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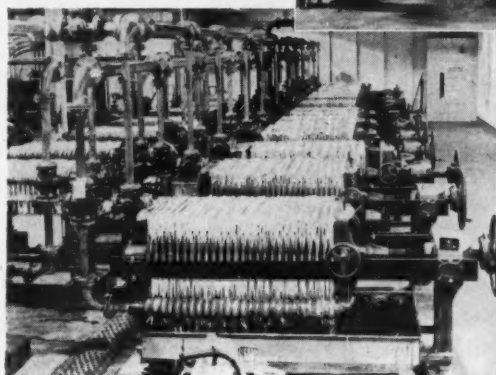
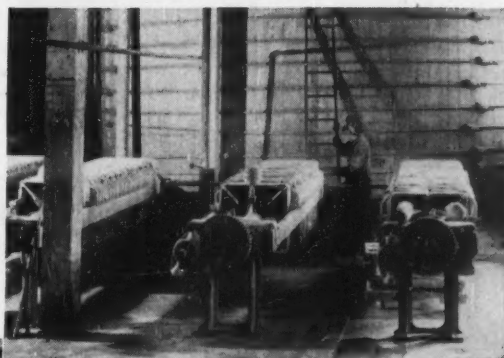
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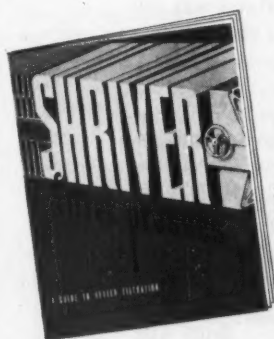
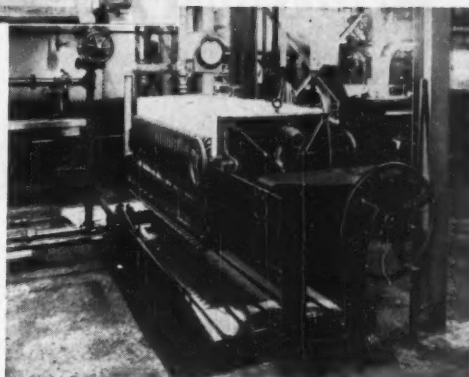
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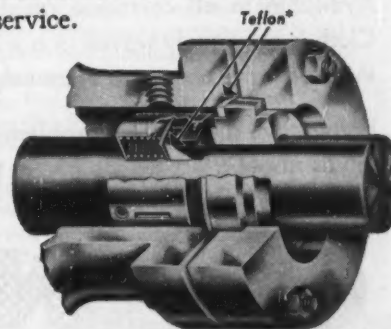
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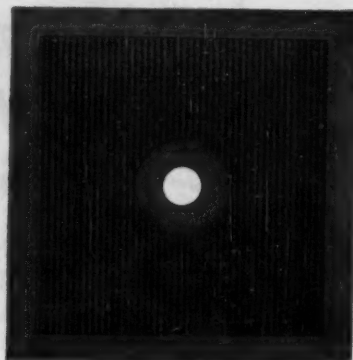
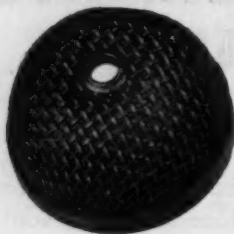
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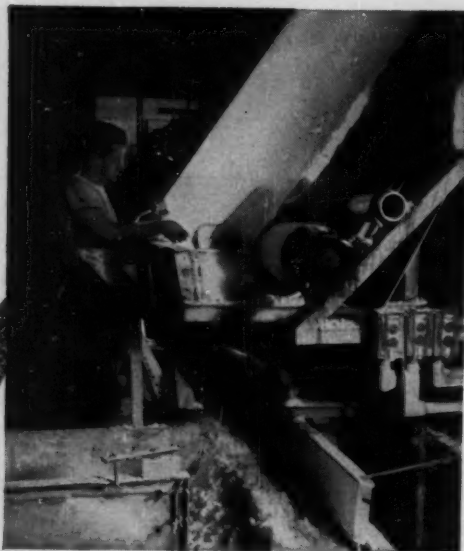


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**Steels, Stainless**..... "Armco's ELC Stainless Steels," a new informative booklet, presents data on 2 extra-low carbon stainless steel grades that are fully satisfactory for service in welded equipment up to 800F. 96b Armco Steel Corp.

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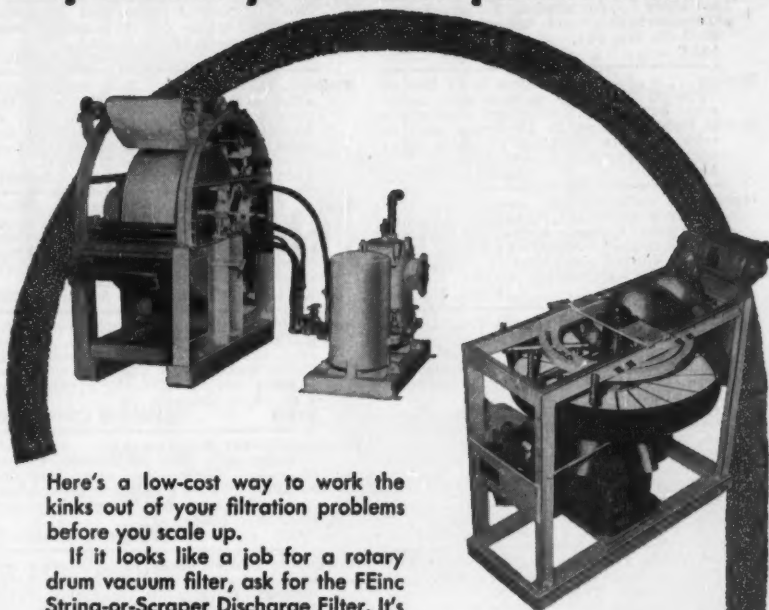
**Cables, Rubber-Insulated**..... 128 p. describes Okolite-Okoprene 0-5000 volt unshielded, rubber-insulated, neoprene-sheathed cable—construction, engineering data, installation & handling, etc. Bulletin OK-1085. 381E Okonite Co.

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382L Thayer Scale & Engrg. Corp.

**Scales, Platform.**.....Describes new electric platform weighing scale... a modern platform scale adaptable for either batch weighing or continuous process control utilizing strain gauge load cells. Catalog 20.  
382M Weighing Components.

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**Heaters, Dielectric.**.....New reference describes operating advantages. Tells how heaters can help cut costs in heating, drying, baking or curing of nonconduction materials. Request illustrated Bulletin No. 15B6431B.  
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**Heaters, Gradation.**.....Selas Gradation Zone Control offers new possibilities in every chemical plant where heat processing is a precise operation. Provides complete information in a new 16 p. Booklet.  
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**Heating Elements, Electrical.**.....Releases a new, fact-filled Catalog on Heatflex electrical heating elements containing descriptive material, applications, specifications & engineering information. 8 p.  
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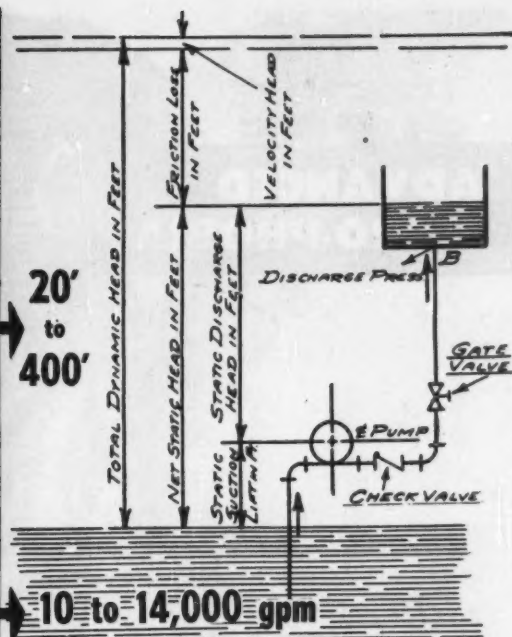
**Controls, Supervisory.**.....Describes accurate digital supervisory control expressly designed for remote measurement & such control functions as remote shaft positioning, on-off switching, etc. Bulletin ES-1.  
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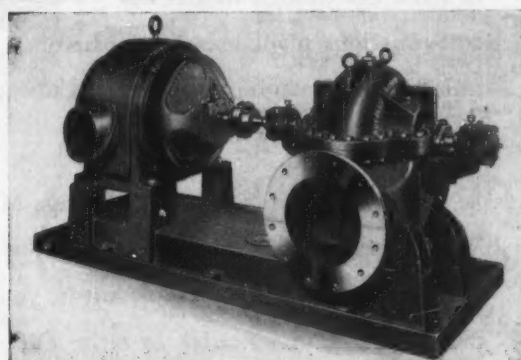
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**Indicators, pH.** . . . . .Furnishes informative literature describing company's new panel-mounted indicator for continuous measurement of pH or redox in manufacturing processes. Illustrated Data Sheet No. ND42-96(1). 384H Leeds & Northrup Co.

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**Measurement, Dewpoint.** . . . . Describes dewpoint recorder including details about new multiple source type which automatically records dewpoints from 6 different sources in rapid succession. Data Sheet No. 10.5-1a. 384J Minneapolis-Honeywell.

**Measurement, Oxygen.** . . . . Describes the application & operation of the A. O. Beckman Model F-3 oxygen analyzer & Brown Electronik recorder for measurement of oxygen in industrial processes. Data Sheet 10.15-11. 384K Minneapolis-Honeywell.

**Meters.** . . . . Describes the Gyro Mass Meter...for precise flow measurement. Answers continuous flow batching, inventory, cost-accounting and process control problems. Complete details in illustrated Bulletin No. 640. 384L Control Engrg. Corp.

**Meters & Regulators.** . . . . 20 p. fully illustrated booklet describes Rockwell products...for sewage disposal plants. Includes data on sewage gas meters, sewage gas regulators, water meters, etc. Bulletin C-5200. 384M Rockwell Mfg. Co.

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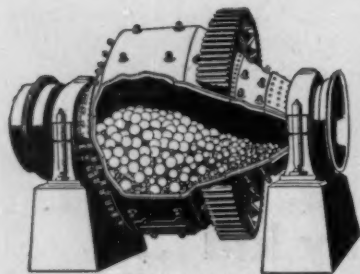
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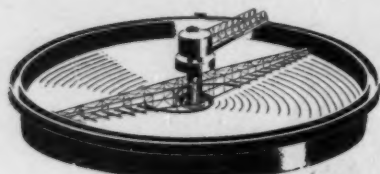




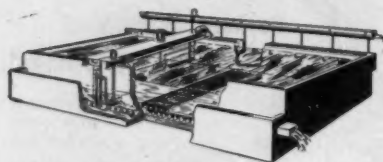
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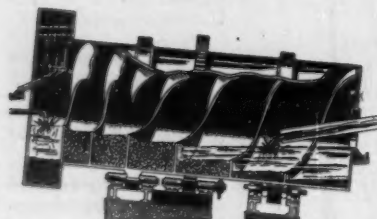
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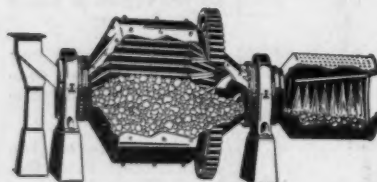
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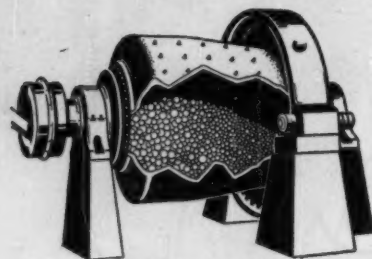
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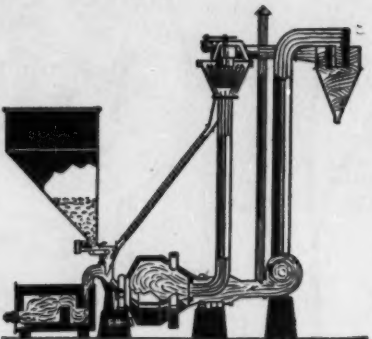
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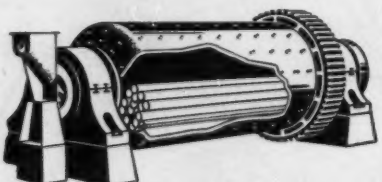
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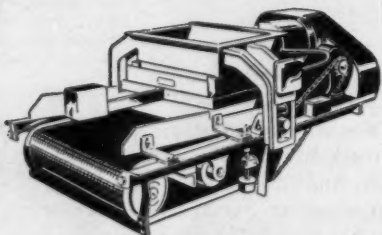
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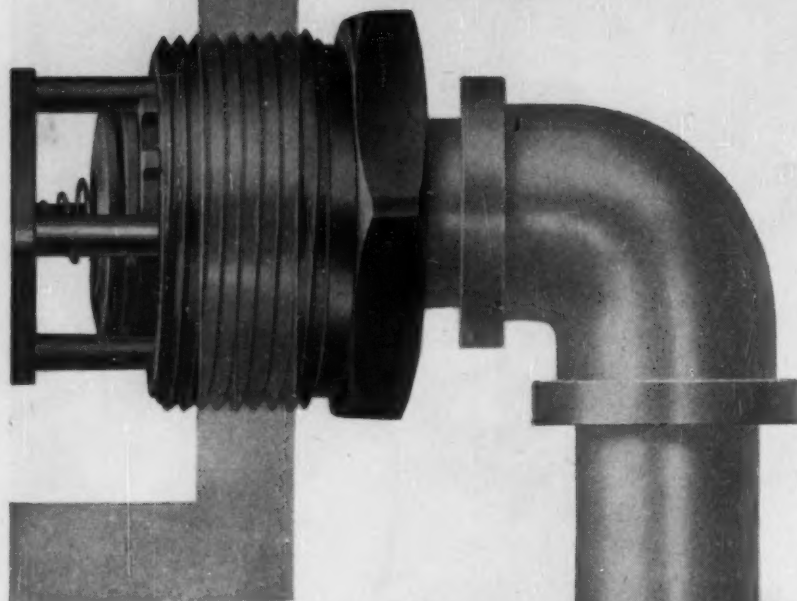
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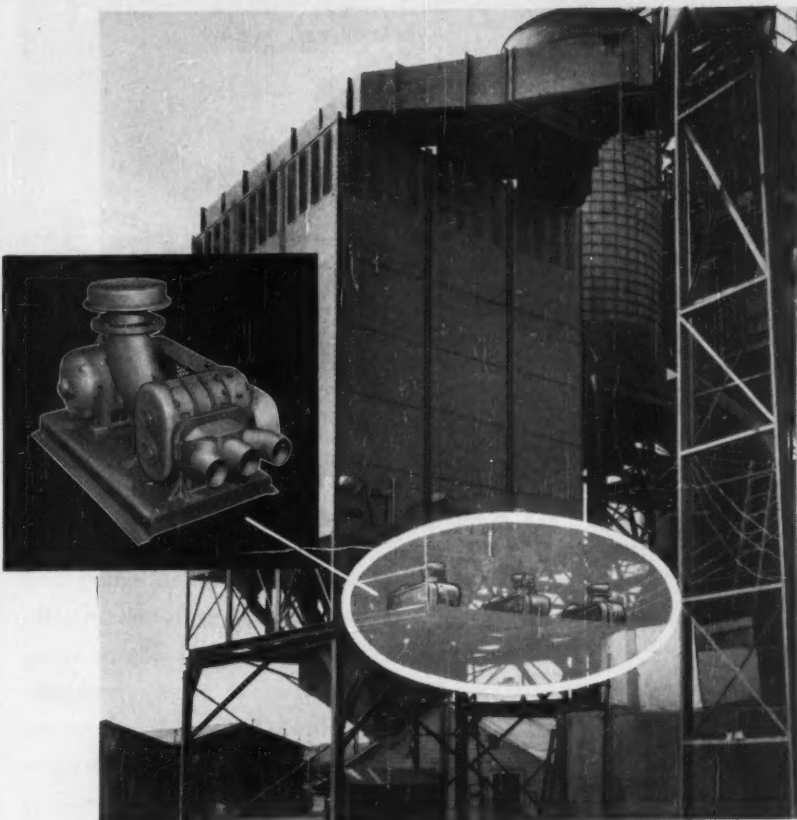
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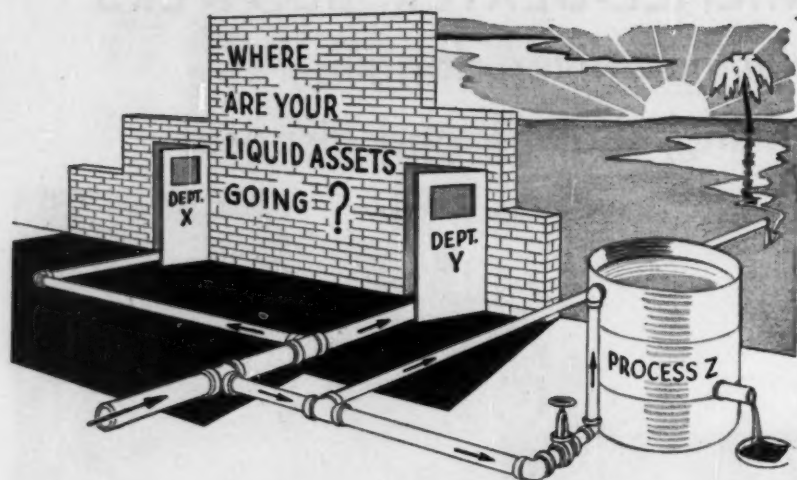


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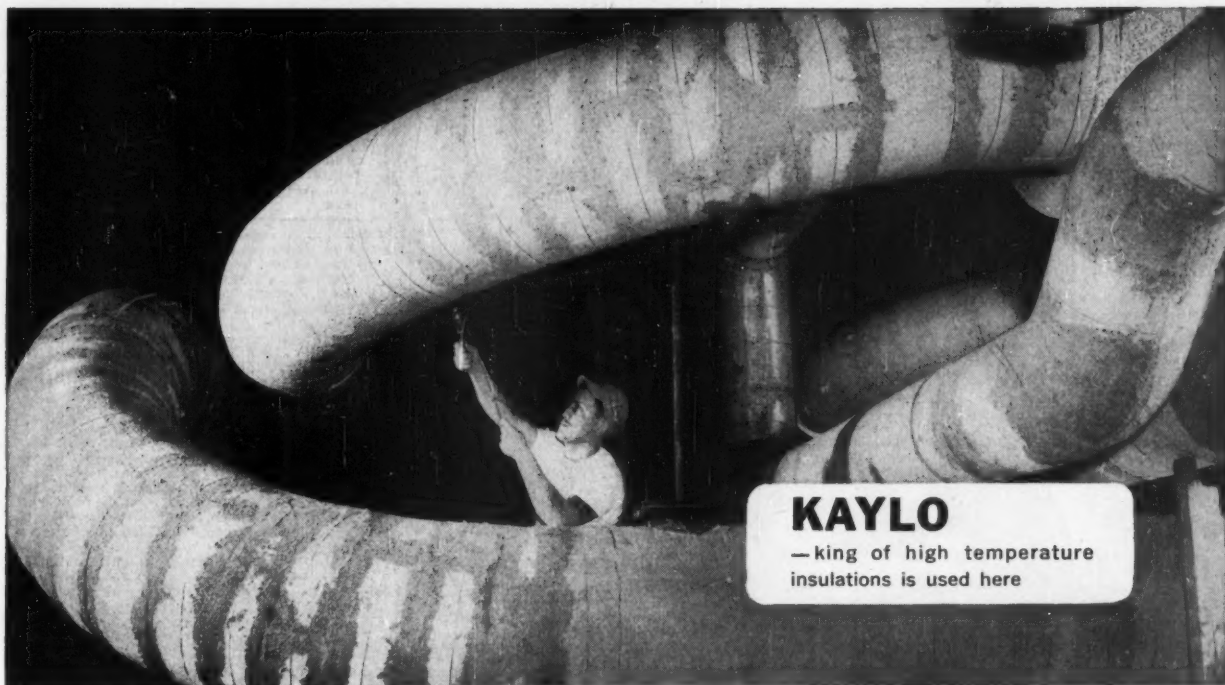
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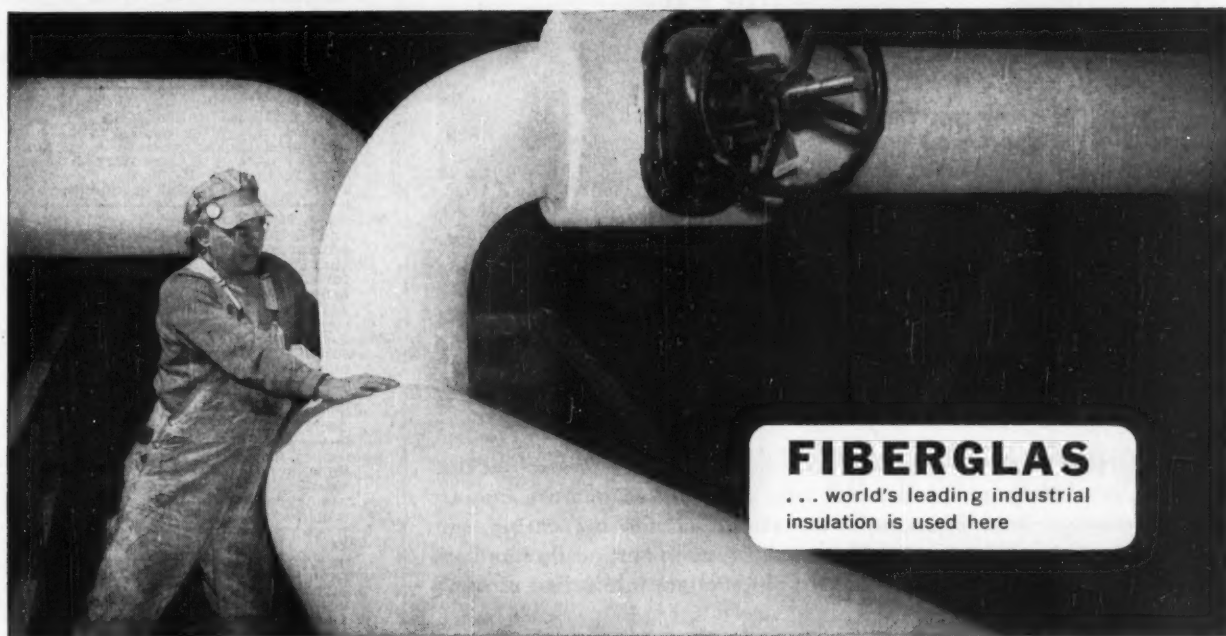
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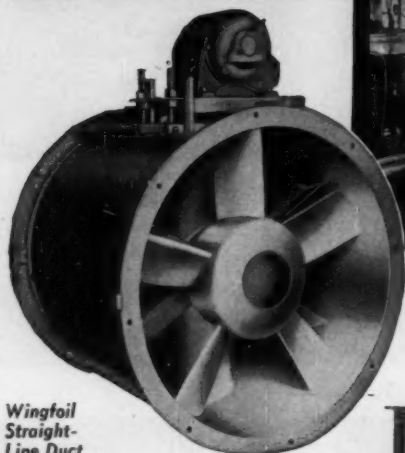
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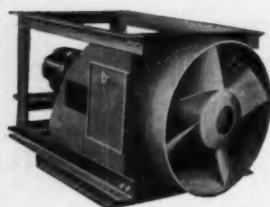




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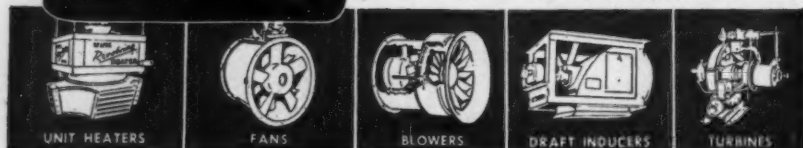
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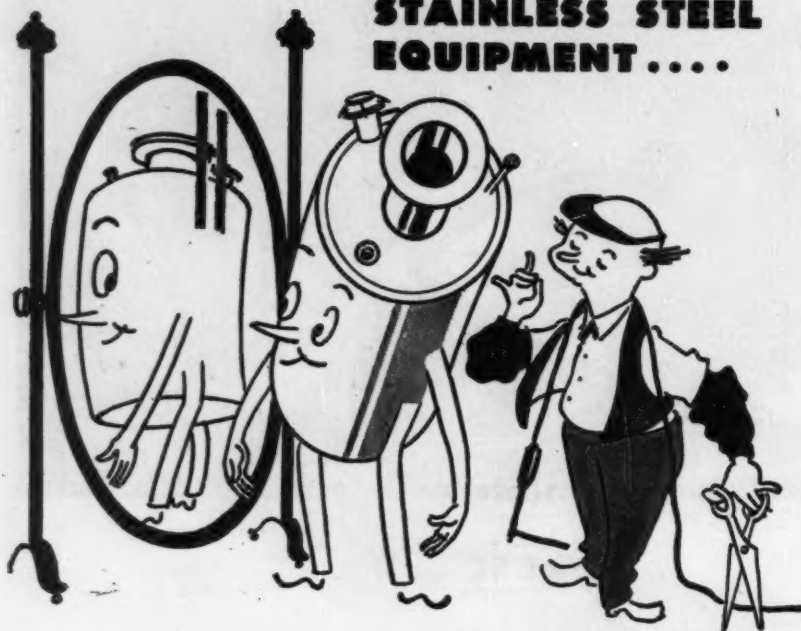
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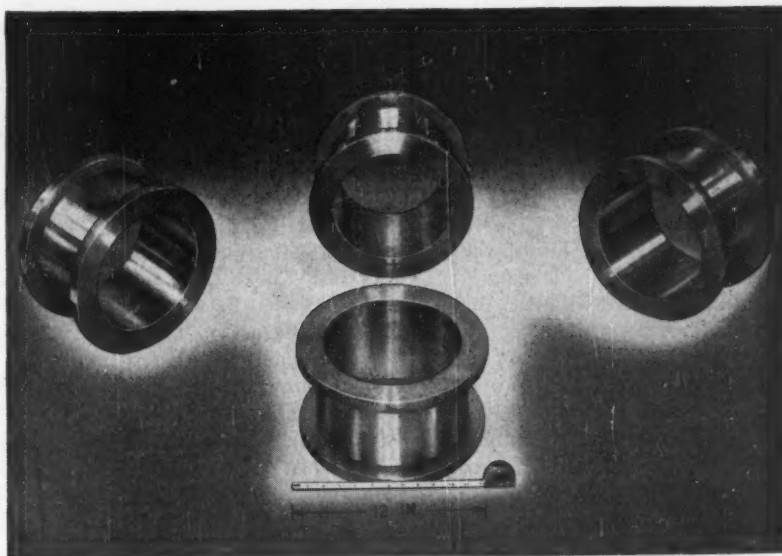
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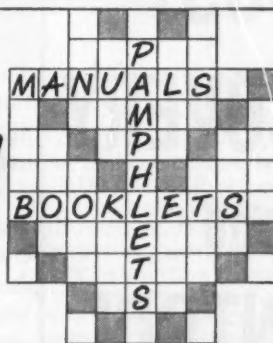
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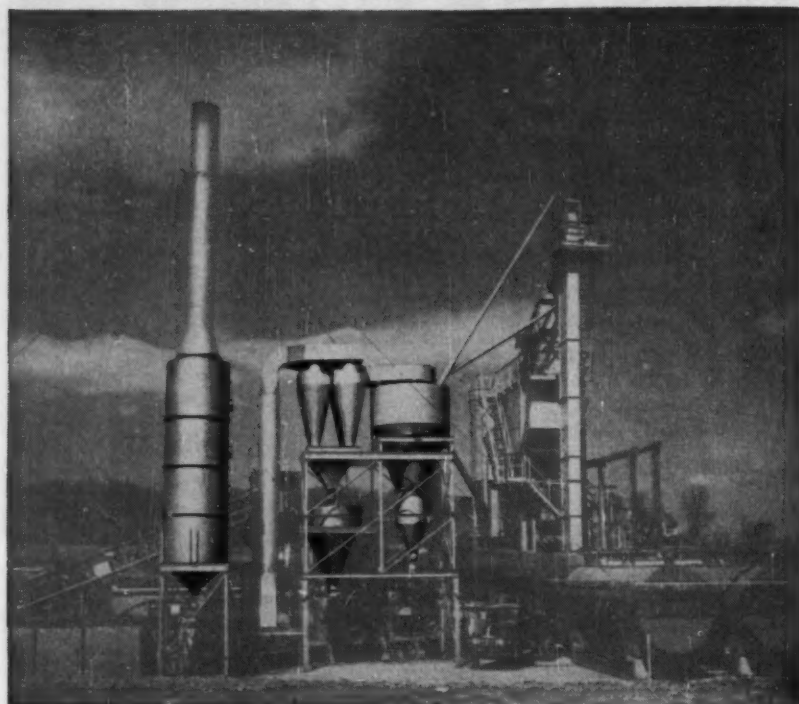
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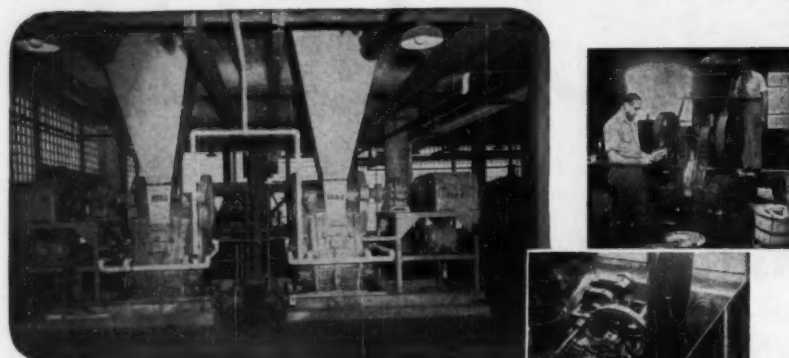
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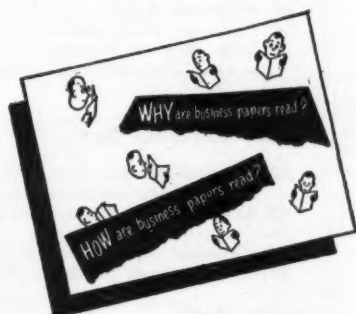
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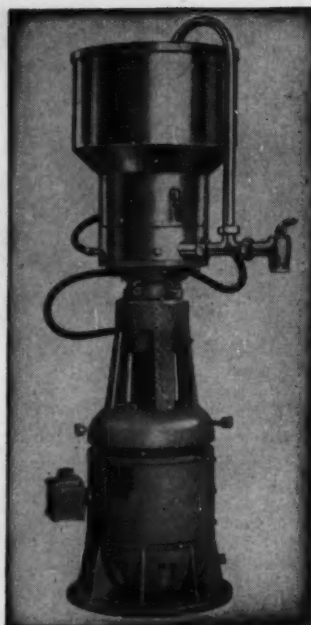
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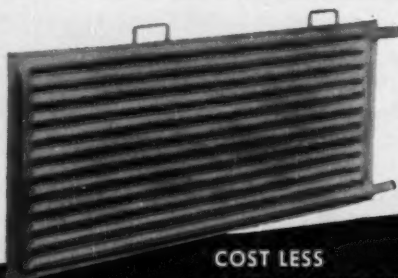
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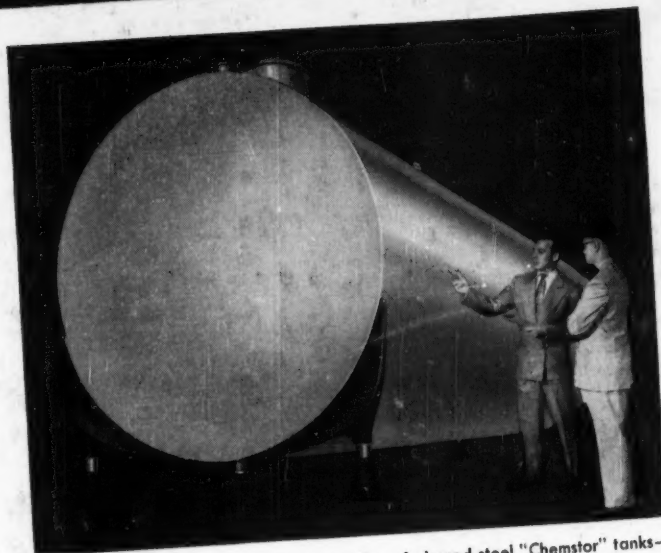
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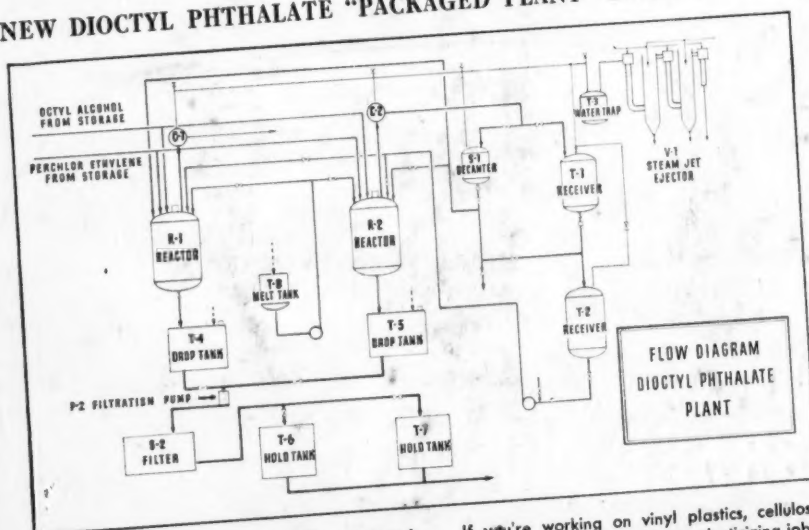
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